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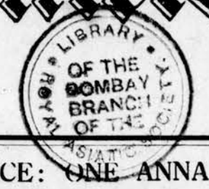

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Rashid Ali Flees From Baghdad!

Sequel To Popular Revolt Of Iraqis

SAADABAD PACT POWERS' PRESSURE TELLS!

Settlement Prospects Bright: Ankara Search For A Formula

CAIRO, May 8.

RASHID ALI hurriedly left Baghdad after a public demonstration against his movement, according to Egyptian press reports from Baghdad.—Reuter.

BAGHDAD AIR PORT BOMBED

CAIRO, May 8.

The R.A.F. bombed the Baghdad Air Port on Wednesday and damaged buildings and the aerodrome road according to an R.A.F. 'communique'.

It states that violent explosions occurred when direct hits were obtained on a magazine at Washash near Baghdad. Military buildings were hit.

Bombs were dropped on dispersed aircraft at Hanaidi. British troops occupying high ground in the Habbaniyah area met with little opposition except for occasional sniping. Hostile forces east of the British positions were heavily attacked from the air.

British captures in Iraq include six guns and over 400 prisoners. This is announced in a 'communique' which says that the situation at Habbaniyah and Basrah remains quiet "following our successful action on May 6 against a portion of the Iraq army which, at the instigation of military adventurers, treacherously attacked Habbaniyah".

'Coup' That Went Off At Half Cook

While Rashid Ali's appeals for Axis help remain unanswered, the latest reports place events in Iraq in a clearer perspective—that of a military coup which has gone off at half-cook.

There has been no large-scale operations in Iraq, but only a minor expedition according to military circles in Cairo, who add that it is now clear that only a part of the Iraqi army is behind Rashid Ali, who has not gathered the support he had anticipated.

Nevertheless, Axis propaganda in Iraq has been strong for a number of years, and it may take some time to liquidate the affair.

Prospects Of Settlement

There is a general feeling here that prospects of settling the dispute between Britain and Iraq are improving, says an Ankara message.

The Iraq Minister for Defence, Mr. Shawkat, is due to arrive here to-day. Turkish circles express approval that a man of his importance should have been chosen for the Mission and consider this despatch as a good omen.

Circles in close touch with Iraqians also appeared more optimistic to-day about the possibilities of a settlement, some even going so far as to say that the whole matter can be arranged provided some face saving formula can be found for Rashid Ali.

Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan are all anxious to see the dispute while the weakness of Rashid Ali's position is seen in an Iraqian High Command order instructing the troops to economise in ammunition which "cannot be replaced".

A 'Climb Down'

Iraqians in Turkey, who previously maintained that the withdrawal of British troops was an essential pre-requisite to any discussion, have now "climbed down" and it may well be that the attitude of Turkey. Iran has brought this about.

Turkey a friendly power, is anxious to see the dispute settled especially now that Germany con-

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'BEVIN BOYS' IN ENGLAND

Building Unity Between Indian And British Work People

LONDON, May 8.

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, to-day welcomed fifty young Indians who have come to Great Britain for training in munitions industries.

"I really believe," said Mr. Bevin, that to-day we are making history. I think we are forming unity between Indian work people and the work people of Great Britain."

Mr. Bevin added: "We know India must be industrialised. But we are anxious to-day to guide that industrialisation and distribute its benefits."—Reuter.

ALL QUIET IN BAHREIN AND ARABIA

KARACHI, May 8.

Another batch of Americans numbering a dozen arrived here by plane from Bahrein this evening. They declared that everything was quiet at Bahrein and on the Arabian mainland. The total number of Americans who arrived by air during the week so far is 50, many of whom belonged to oil companies at Bahrein. They propose to leave for Bombay shortly from where they will be sailing home.—A. P.

DEATH FOR TREACHERY

Capital Punishment For British Engineer

LONDON, May 8.

George Johnson Armstrong, a 38 year old engineer, has been sentenced to death at Old Bailey for an offence under the Treachery Act.

This is the fifth sentence of death passed under the 1940 Treachery act. The first which was passed on a woman, Mrs. Dorothy Pamela Ogrady, was reduced by the Court of Appeal to fourteen years' penal servitude.

Three spies, posing as refugees to listen to careless talkers and send military secrets back to Germany by a portable radio transmitter, were hanged last December.—Reuter.

EDITORS' CONFERENCE Proposal To Call Standing Committee Meeting

SIMLA, May 8.

A proposal to call a meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference towards the end of May either at Bombay or in Simla is being considered, and an announcement of the date and venue is expected.—A. P.

ROOSEVELT STILL AILING

In Touch By Phone With Domestic And Foreign Affairs

WASHINGTON, May 8.

President Roosevelt who yesterday was ordered to stay indoors for two days is still suffering from stomach trouble with slight temperature.

He wanted to get up to-day but the doctor forbade him.

The President is understood to be keeping in touch by the phone to his bedside with the developments in domestic and foreign affairs.—Reuter.

WHEN EDEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

LONDON, May 8.

Members of Parliament are to-day discussing the narrow escape of Mr. Anthony Eden when the plane, on which he was going to the Middle East was caught in a great storm, which sank fifteen vessels in the Tagus. When Mr. Eden spoke in the House of Commons on Tuesday, he referred to the delay in his arrival in Cairo due to "certain eccentricities of the weather." The true story which has just emerged is that his plane ran into fearful weather and was swept up by air currents and dashed down again almost to sealevel. The pilot sent a message saying there was worse ahead and asked whether he ought to return to England. The Foreign Secretary answered "push on" and they reached Gibraltar with ten minutes petrol supply to spare.—Reuter

Thai-Indo China Treaty

TOKYO, May 8.

The peace treaty for the settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute will be formally signed here on Friday, the Domei Agency understands.

Simultaneously with the signature of the Treaty, notes will be exchanged between Japan, Thailand and Indo-China that both Thailand and Indo-China will not enter into any agreement with a third power or the powers, calculated to run counter to Japanese interests.—Reuter.

Echo Of "Bangkok"

LONDON, May 8.

The incident between France and Britain as a result of a convoy of which the merchant ship "Bangkok" was a member taking refuge in the Algerian harbour of Numours is recalled by a statement issued from Free French headquarters in London this morning.

The statement says that a Frenchman who recently arrived in London to join the Free French movement was actually present at the unloading of the Bangkok at Marseilles during the morning of April 10. According to this eyewitness, part of the cargo consisted of rubber as the British Admiralty had declared. In view of this fact, he decided immediately to join the Free French force.—Reuter.

Br. Minister Sees Thailand Premier

BANGKOK, May 8.

The British Minister, Sir Josiah Crosby, had a cordial conversation on foreign affairs with the Thailand Prime Minister Luang Pbul Songgram it is officially announced here.

The conversation is stated to have lasted for two hours and took place on Tuesday.—Reuter.

M. L. Shah Sees Gandhiji

WARDHAGANJ, May 8.

Mr. M. L. Shah, General Secretary of the All-India Students' Federation, who saw Mahatma Gandhi yesterday left this morning for Nagpur 'en route' to Calcutta for attending Working Committee meeting of the Federation.—United Press.

Secret Clause In Paris Pact

Franco-German Military & Naval Agreement

LONDON, May 8.

The most interesting feature of the agreement just concluded between Admiral Darlan and Herr Abetz, the German Ambassador, says 'Reuter's' Diplomatic Correspondent, is the silence observed on the subject of French concessions to Germany in exchange for facilities and reduction in the payment for the army of occupation.

It would seem logical to any one that some military or more particularly naval agreement may have been concluded the terms of which can only appear from results.

The German consent to the reduction in the costs of military occupation may be due, it is suggested, to more than one contributory factor. It is probable that when the amount was fixed at 400 million francs daily, the Germans did not expect the war to last so long and now realise that France is materially not in a position to continue the payment. Any how, Germany seems to have insisted on substantial compensation in some other sphere.—Reuter.

SINKINGS OF BRITISH SHIPS

"Gives A False Picture Of Seriousness Of Situation"

LONDON, May 8.

The figures of sinkings of British ships given by Senator Vandenberg are stated in high official circles in London to-day not to be correct. Even if they were however, it is stated, that they would give a totally false picture of the seriousness of the situation.

Vessels carrying fully finished munitions of war naturally are provided with the greatest possible protection available and the percentage of such vessels sunk is therefore less than of vessels carrying less precious but almost equally vital supplies such as steel and food. This proves that an adequate convoy escort keeps losses to the minimum. But it is pointed out that the tonnage position must be regarded as a whole. While aeroplanes and tanks are obviously of greater immediate importance than anything else, no use can be made of either if food supplies fail. If the total tonnage is reduced, the ships now directed to carrying munitions will inevitably be diverted to carrying food.

The figures shortly to be issued by the Admiralty, it is added, will show that while the position regarding the battle of the Atlantic has in the last months shown improvement, nevertheless owing to losses in the Mediterranean the total tonnage at the command of the Allies has suffered as severely as in almost any preceding months of the war.—Reuter.

SIR B. RAMA RAU BACK FROM S. AFRICA

SIMLA, May 8.

Sir B. Rama Rau, lately High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, it is learned, is on his way to India after handing over charge of his office to his secretary, Mr. Muir. It is further learned that on account of domestic reasons, Mr. Ramchandra, High Commissioner-designate for South Africa has expressed to the Government of India his inability to proceed to South Africa.

The selection of a new High Commissioner is now under the Government of India's consideration.—A. P.

THE BATTLE OF THE TUNGPEH

Clearing Out The Chinese Forces On Yellow River's North Bank

CHUNGKING, May 8.

The battle in the Tungpeh mountains near the Honan-Hupeh border is still in preliminary stages, according to a Chinese military spokesman this afternoon (Thursday.)

The Japanese are launching a three column drive from Sinyang, Yingshan and Suihsien into the mountains in an effort to clear out the Chinese forces. The situation is expected to be clarified by next week. In southern Shansi where the Japanese recently concentrated two divisions, it is reported that the troop movements from East to West would appear to be aimed at clearing out the Chinese forces on the north bank of the Yellow River.—Reuter.

Anglo-Sino-American Alliance

CHUNGKING.— An outspoken leading article in the official Chinese organ "Central Daily News" advocates a democratic alliance especially of Britain, the United States and China.

The newspaper sees the United States as the centre of a world army fighting against the Axis, Britain as the left wing and China as the right wing. Any success against either wing must affect the entire camp. Hence, it advocates concrete three-power discussions on joint measures to meet any eventuality and prevent the initiative falling into "Axis hands".—Reuter.

Planted Dynamite On Roosevelt's Estate

NEW YORK, May 8.

The police and the Secret Service are investigating the report that two men planted dynamite on President Roosevelt's Hyde Park (New York) estate. The report adds that they intended to set it off if the United States went to war. The Police Captain stated that he did not believe the report which came from the workmen on the estate, but the police are "checking up."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FIERCE FIGHTING SOUTH OF SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, May 8.

Fierce fighting has broken out on the coastal area some 150 miles south of Shanghai where the Chinese are making determined counterattacks to recapture the important town of Chuki (some 30 miles south of Hangchow). The Chinese vanguard is reported to have already reached the South-eastern outskirt of the town which was taken by the Japanese in their recent "blockade drive" against Chinese ports.—Reuter.

RECORD LOSS OF 'BLITZ' BOMBERS

LONDON, May 8.

The German air force lost twelve fighters to-day following a record loss of 24 'Blitz' bombers on Wednesday night.

An Air Ministry 'communique' issued to-night states that there has been considerable air activity off the south and southeast coasts and over east Kent to-day. Several combats have taken place between British and German fighters in which ten enemy planes have been shot down and one R.A.F. fighter is missing, though the pilot is safe.

Two more enemy fighters were destroyed by anti-aircraft gunfire. No reports are received of any bombs being dropped.—Reuter.

IRAQ EX-MINISTER TO MEET REGENT

CAIRO, May 8.

The Former Foreign Minister of Iraq Twefik Suewidi Bey is stated to have left Baghdad by air for Amman in order to meet the Regent Abdul Ilah.—Reuter.

Negus Outlines Future Of Abyssinia

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT & DEMOCRATIC GOVT.

Haile Selassie Places Forces At Disposal Of Britain

ADDIS ABABA, May 8.

Emperor Haile Selassie in an interview stated that he had offered the British Government the use of the Abyssinian forces on any front where they may be required.

He also stated that he was determined to re-establish Democratic Government in Abyssinia and that his internal programme included intensive educational, agricultural and social development.

ITALIANS EVACUATE DEBERECH

LONDON, May 8.

The Italians have evacuated Deberech forty-four miles northeast of Gondar in central Abyssinia, it is learned in London.

Italian columns and positions near Amba Alagi were bombed. The Gondar landing ground was attacked by Free French aircraft.

Convoy Attacked

The R.A.F. attacked a convoy in the Mediterranean and directly hit two merchantmen. One was left smoking and both had lists. An enemy aircraft was shot down into the sea.

Further positions covering the approach from the north to Amba Alagi have been captured and a number of prisoners taken.

R. A. F. Over Benghazi

The R. A. F. heavily and successfully raided military objectives at Benghazi and landing grounds at Berka, Benina and Derna. At Berka a hangar was hit and two aircraft on the ground were destroyed.

Bombs hit the central breakwater at Benghazi and fires and explosions caused other damage. Bombs fell near ships at Benghazi and near aircraft dispersed on the ground at Benina.

Raid On Malta

Malta was raided on Tuesday night and some damage caused to property. Two Junkers 88s were shot down by anti-aircraft and one by night fighters.

British Patrols Active

After failing last week to take Tobruk by assault, enemy pressure appears to be easing. Dive-bombing which reached a climax between May 1 and 3 has now slackened.

The enemy is trying to hold a shallow dent in the south-west corner of Tobruk. They are in an uncomfortable position, frequently counter-attacked by British forces and often shelled.

Both sides are suffering from a stifling sandstorm which, blowing all along the coast, again made communication and observation difficult on Tuesday.

In the Sollum area, British mechanised forces continue vigorous patrolling activities. A British mobile unit which swept round behind Bardia and Capuzzo on May 3 and 4, has caused the Germans to send patrols into the desert far south of Sollum to prevent a repetition of the exploit.

The Germans are being supplied to some extent by Junkers 52 troop-carrying planes, but many of these have already been destroyed by the R. A. F., and their journeys are becoming hazardous as reinforcements arrive for the R. A. F. in the western desert.

Successful Attack On Enemy Positions

During Monday night, our troops at Tobruk successfully attacked forward enemy position inflicting casualties and taking a number of prisoners.

The 'communique' continues:—Yesterday, communications and observations were again made difficult by severe sandstorms and further details are still lacking.

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces continue their vigorous patrolling activities.—Reuter

SUEZ CANAL ZONE BOMBED

CAIRO, May 8.

"For two hours during last night enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal zone, states an Egyptian Ministry of Interior 'communique'. Some damage was caused to the State railways, telegraphs and telephones, but there were no casualties. Anti-aircraft guns were in action.—Reuter.

U. S.-FR. NORTH AFRICAN TRADE

WASHINGTON, May 8.

A plan to restore normal trade between the United States and French North Africa is under diplomatic discussion, it is learned authoritatively here. The plan would enable the United States to obtain some raw materials needed for defence in exchange for supplies acutely needed in Northern Africa.

It is learned that Britain is represented at the discussions which are not expected to be affected by the announcement of the agreement between Vichy and Germany announced yesterday.

The plan does not involve any arrangement with Gen. Weygand's army in Northern Africa. The American representative Mr. Robert Murphy, who is now 'en route' to Vichy to complete the plan made preliminary arrangements during his recent African visit. Both Britain and the United States will require guarantees that none of the American goods shipped to French North Africa will be re-escorted. The possibility of the use of some French vessels now in American ports for the shipments is also mentioned here.—Reuter.

AUSSIES STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD TOBRUK

SYDNEY, May 8.

"General Blamey is confident of the ability of our troops to hold Tobruk", the Australian Army Minister Mr. Spender told the press here on Thursday.

He added that the enemy took the area of the perimeter defences after the intensive action of May, but part of the area was recaptured by Australians counter-attacking on May 4. Small parties of Australian soldiers are still arriving in Egypt from Greece, he added.—Reuter.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Arthur Bunder, Colaba, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 26th Day of May, 1941, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business.

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1941.
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N. HARILAL,
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Office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay.
Bombay 6th May, 1941.

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Legal Notices

IN THE CITY CIVIL COURT AT MADRAS.

O. S. No. 1253 of 1940.

GHOUSUNNISSA BEGAM ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
MOHAMED ABDUL KHADIR ASIR. .... Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the defendant that the above suit filed by the plaintiff against him for dissolution of her marriage under Act 8 of 1939, stands posted before the Additional City Civil Judge on 14-7-1941 and if the defendant fails to appear on that day at 10-30 a.m. the suit will be decided exparte.

By order of Court dated 29-4-1941.

C. SRINIVASACHARI,
Advocate for Plaintiff.
58, Law Chambers,
High Court, Madras.

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NOTICE.

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Dated this 7th day of May 1941.
(Sd.) PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration to the property and credits (estate and effects) of MIYA MAHOMED AHMED, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, a Landlord, who at the time of his death resided at Nagdevi Street, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Deceased.

1. KHIMCHAND TARACHAND and (2) KAPURCHAND TEJMAL, both of Bombay, Jain Hindu Inhabitants, carrying on business as Shroffs under the name firm and style of Messrs. Tejmal Bhagchand and Co. at Gulalwady, outside the Fort. ..... Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir Patrick Blackwell, Knight, Acting Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One and in the fifth year of our Reign.

(Sd.)
Seal of the High Court at Bombay
S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.
(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR,

The 30th day of April, 1941.
Messrs. AMIN DESAI and NANAVATI,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

(4991)

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell public auction on WEDNESDAY, 14th May, 1941, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the premises of Gorio Ltd., (above Singer Sewing Co.) General Assurance Bldg., Hornby Road the following property of Messrs. Siemens (India) Ltd. vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Gold wrist and pocket watches, Mappin's gold cigarette case and match box and miscellaneous jewellery, Writing tables chairs racks, show case, Safe, Minimax Fire Extinguishers, electric fan.

BENNETT & CO.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that by an arrangement between my client Mr. GANPAT VISHNU NARWEKAR and Mrs. UMABAI KASHINATH MANOHAR, the registered owner of the Country Craft "LAXMI", bearing Jaitapur Kaul No. 4846, the said Country Craft has been given in possession of my client for a period of Six years upto 1945-1946 to enable my client to repay himself out of the income of the Country Craft the monies spent by him in making the said Country Craft seaworthy.

My client understands that attempts are being made to sell, encumber or dispose of the said Country Craft on behalf of the said Umabai.

Public are, therefore, hereby informed that my client is in possession of the said Country Craft and persons dealing with any one except my client re: the said Country Craft will do so at their risk.

D. S. DEODHAR,
Advocate, High Court.
Lawyers Chamber, Picket Rd.
Bombay No. 2.

(4986)

Auction Sales

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF S. P. SHED AND LOOSE MATERIALS.

Under instructions from The Bombay Municipality (Impts.) Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY the 13th May, 1941, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) at the premises the materials for removal of the following Buildings:—

Building Materials S. P. Shed St. No. 778H; 778I; 778J; 778K; 778L; 778M; Case No. 30 to 36, Palton Road.

Loose Materials such as Plain Iron Sheets lying in the compound of Chandanwadi Chawl.

AUCTION SALE OF WRECKAGE OF BROKEN COUNTRY CRAFTS

Under instructions from the Deputy Conservator Bombay Port Trust and in accordance with the Provisions of Section 14 of the Indian Ports Act XV of 1908 Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by public auction on WEDNESDAY the 14th May, 1941, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Frere Basin & Clark Bunder and at 3-15 p.m. at Brick Bunder near Tata Oil Mill (all wreckage lying at Hay: Brick: Tank: coal and Lakri Bunder) the above goods salved from the sea and sunken crafts.

A Deposit of 25 per cent will be required on the lots being knocked down.

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Shadow Of War Spreading Towards India

Country Must Get Ready To Defend Herself; Roy Suggests Way To Solve Problem Of Equipping Big Army

DEHRADUN, May 7.

"Engrossed in the discussion of Mr. Amery's speech, Indian political leaders have taken no notice of the positively alarming pronouncement about the war situation, made by the Prime Minister," observes Mr. M. N. Roy in the course of a statement to the press.

Continuing Mr. Roy says that assuming that Hitler will not be able to win the battle of the Atlantic, the mastery of Europe and of a large part of Asia and possibly of Africa, as anticipated by the Prime Minister, will increase his strength so tremendously that fascist world domination will be a reality.

There is nothing unexpected in the present military situation. Having established their domination practically on the whole of Europe and failed to subdue Britain, the Nazis were bound to strike eastwards through the Balkans, in order to avoid the risk of an indefinitely prolonged war.

"The east," Mr. Roy proceeds, "will not be easily thrown to the wolves. Bits of news trickling through recently show that the Russians are at last getting ready for the day of reckoning.

The strategy of the Nazi drive eastwards implies in eventual attack upon the Soviet Union.

Mr. Churchill has himself referred to that possibility more than once.

Knowing fully well that the Soviet Union alone can check their advance eastwards, if not on the Bosphorus, then in Iraq or Iran, the Nazis will certainly try to head that off by attacking the Soviet Union from the west.

The Soviet Government seems to anticipate that. It signed the Neutrality Pact with Japan in order to relieve some of the troops in Siberia for action on the western front. There have been considerable troop movements from the east to the west since the pact was signed.

GET READY TO DEFEND INDIA

"Finally, there remains India. Irrespective of the short sightedness of the British Government, she must get ready to defend herself. Her future now depends upon those who would neither sit idle by throwing the responsibility on the British rulers, nor welcome the fascist invaders, if only to spite the old masters.

And what about the Englishmen in India? Are they any more prepared to be thrown to the wolves? It is time for them to realise that India can supply millions of soldiers, not only to defend herself, but also to face the fascist invaders in the Middle East.

The problem of equipping and supplying a large Indian army can be solved by promoting the industrialisation of the country.

The reluctance to draw upon India's man power and develop the Indian source of supply has made the eastern front so vulnerable, and laid the peoples of Asia open to fascist attack.

Now Englishmen in India should consider themselves as belonging to this country, and throw of the reluctance which has prevented the full development of the defensive and striking power of India."—A. P.

SADANAND FILES DECLARATION FOR NEW DAILY

Mr. S. Sadanand appeared today before the Chief Presidency Magistrate and filed a declaration as the Printer and Publisher of an English morning daily the "Bharat Bhumi", issuing from Newspaper House, Colaba, under his editorship. The Chief Presidency Magistrate fixed May 15 for passing orders.

Explaining his decision, Mr. Sadanand in a statement says, "Circumstances have led to a complete severance of all my connections with the Free Press Newspapers, the "Free Press Journal", the "Bharat Jyoti" and the "Navshakti".—A. P.

SIND MINISTERS ON TOUR

KARACHI, May 7.

Khan Bahadur Allah Bux accompanied by Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Home Minister, left for Sukkur to study the situation in the light of recent Municipal elections under the joint-electorate system. They will tour the District for five days.

Pir Elahi Bux, Minister for Labour and Industries, is leaving for Bombay by plane on May 18 'en route' to Mysore to discuss Sind's industrial development programme with the State officials.—A. P.

WADIAS DONATE ONE LAKH TO WAR FUND

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay has received a donation of Rs. 1 lakh from Sir Cusrow and Sir Ness Wadia for the War Gifts Fund, to be divided equally between families of Indian Fighting Services and the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund, the latter for distribution by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of air-raid sufferers in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Coventry and Glasgow.

NEW EMPIRE

4, 6-30 & 10 P.M.

Drama, Thrills & Adventure in the Dark Continent

WINGS
WINGS
WINGS
OVER AFRICA
OVER AFRICA
OVER AFRICA

A United Artists Release

AROUND THE COURTS

POLICEMAN'S BODY IN GUTTER

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The body of Baji Nana Kadam, a Police Hawaldar in the Prohibition Department of the Bombay City Police, who was missing from his house since April 6th, was found in a highly decomposed state inside the drainage gutter near the Century Mill yesterday.

The DeLisle Road Police who took charge of the body are making inquiries.

The Coroner, after recording the statement of the deceased's cousin, adjourned the inquest till May 17th.

JAILED FOR ENTERING PROHIBITED AREA

Shelemy Banin, a Jew businessman of Aden, was sentenced today by the Chief Presidency Magistrate to three months' rigorous imprisonment for entering a protected area without a permit.

The Magistrate remarked that usually he awarded a nominal fine for such offenders, as they were mostly students or ignorant people but the circumstances of the present case called for a deterrent sentence.

The accused was arrested on Wednesday while coming out of Alexandra Docks.

Lance Corporal Saunders in his evidence stated that accused was looking out for a certain ship.

The Magistrate was not disposed to believe the accused's explanation that he was looking out for a clearing agent.

Joseph Abdulalehi, also a Jew businessman, was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment for a similar offence.

Deputy-Inspector D'Sa stated that he saw the accused intently watching a ship.

MAN FOUND LYING DEAD: SERVANT ARRESTED

Abdul Masjid Samusawalla, a resident of Grant Road, was found murdered in his room this morning.

When the Police entered the place, it is said, he was seen lying dead on the ground with a large gash in the throat.

The Lamington Road Police have arrested Inayat Khan, a servant of the deceased, in this connection and are proceeding with their investigations.

Inayat Khan Imdad Khan was produced before Mr. K. J. Khambata, Presidency Magistrate of Girgaum Police Court, and was ordered to be remanded in custody.

Pending further investigation the Bombay Coroner adjourned the inquest on the body of the deceased.

LOCATE AUTO INDUSTRY IN MADRAS

NEGAPATAM, May 7.

The Negapatam Chamber of Commerce has to-day sent a telegram to the Government of India and to other concerned authorities urging them to locate the automobile industry, proposed to be started in Bangalore, somewhere in the Madras Presidency where cheap electric energy and other facilities are available.—A. P.

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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Zinda Hasan. 5-15 Anwar Khan. 5-25 Vilayat Khan. 5-40 Master Mumtaz and party. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Special announcements. 6-15 Zinda Hasan 6-30 Karim Khan. 6-45 Ghazal aur geet. 7 Nazirbai 7-15 If I had lived then. 3. 7-30 Mehboob Jan. 7-50 The String Trio. 8 Haqqani Gane. 8-15 For villagers only 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay 9 45 Karim Khan. 10-5 Zinda Hasan. 10-25 Mehboob Jan. 10-45 News in English.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Abdul Rehman and party 7-45 Bai Azambai. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Jayram Shiledar. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Amritlal. 9-15 Solankurkar. 12-30 p.m. Naats. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Screen hits. 1-10 Ghazal. duet and geet. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 B Premshankar. 5-20 Geet on Sarinda. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati 5-35 S. R. Arbi 5-45 Jayram Shiledar. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Air Quartet. 6-20 Tufail. 6-30 Children's happy half-hour. 7 Berlinchya Ratnya. 7.15 Gujarati geet. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Abdul Rehman and party 7-45 Marwa on Jaltarang. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 to 9 "Indian Troops in Italian East Africa" Talk by Maj. Gen. L. M. Heath, translated in Marathi by S. Tikekar. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Jayram Shiledar. 10-10 Abdul Rehman and party. 10-20 Azambai.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Bai Azambai. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Songs from "Radhika". 8-50 Gopalrao and Shankerrao. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Sarod Solo. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Evening ragas. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 B. Premshanker. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Bai Azambai. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-10 Geet. 9-30 Drut Khayal. 9-30 Karen Maitra. 9-45 The Bombay City Police Band.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-45 News in Bengali. 6-50 Shyamal Kanti Mukerjee. 6 News in English. 6-5 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-40 Rabindranath's famous work. 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Phool Mohammad. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Anil Bagchi. 10-20 Probhabati.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. For children. 4-30 New Mayfair Orchestra. 4-40 Dora Labbette and Hubert Eisdell. 4-50 Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra. 5 V. Sethuramiah. 5-45 Kummis. 6-5 Songs from "Nandanar Charitram". 6-30 V. Sethuramiah. 7 Ulagapokku. 7-50 As in Trichinopoly. 9 World affairs. 9-15 Local news and announcements. 9-45 Topical talk. 10 As in Delhi 1.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6-00	22-00
Peshawar Express	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8-55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	11-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	19-30	08-05
Allahabad Express	20-25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21-45	12-10

B. B. & C. I. Railway.
(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	6-50	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon)	(Sat)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9-15	15-35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10-58	00-00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9-00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

"EXEMPT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WEIGHTS & MEASURES"

The Secretary, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, in the course of a letter to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, making a plea for exemption of inter-departmental weights and measures from the provisions of the Act says:

Under Section 12(1) of the above Act all dealings or contracts for any work to be done or goods to be sold or delivered by weights or measures shall be made according to one of the standard weights or measures or sub-multiples thereof. When the legislation in question was under discussion the Committee of this Chamber and other commercial organisations had urged upon Government the necessity for exempting weights and measures used merely for inter-departmental or internal purposes from the strict obligations laid down under the Act and that the provisions of the Act which require inspection, verification and stamping of weights and measures should not be applied to weights and measures and other instruments used solely for inter-departmental or internal purposes.

In justification of such a case for exemption, it was pointed out that as the weights and measures in question were not to be used for trading purposes, the primary object of the Act, viz: safeguarding the interests of the buying public would in no way be prejudiced. Unfortunately, Government did not at that time accept the above suggestion.

Safeguarding the interests of the consumer would not in any way be prejudiced by the exemption of weights and measures and weighing instruments used in such inter-departmental operations from the strict obligations under the Act.

My Committee, therefore, request that Government will be pleased to give this matter their sympathetic consideration and to issue a notification under Section 46 of the Act exempting internal and inter-departmental weights and measures and weighing instruments from the provisions of the Act regarding stamping, verification, inspection etc.

Reactionary Tendency In N. Y. Cotton Market

GENERAL LIQUIDATION AND HEDGING

Worth Street Market Remains Active

Bombay, May 8

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market was firm during the first five minutes on activity in the dry goods market and prices again reached new high levels. Later on there was general liquidation and hedge selling which wiped off the early rise. The tone was fairly steady.

The market is assured of 12 cents loans and even some look for 13.60 cents but we have to await the final decision. The Washington administration which is strongly opposed to increased benefits and intend to cut down all non-defence expenditure is keeping silence. Thus we again express our opinion that it is advisable to liquidate all holdings. There are some who expect a compromise of 80 per cent parity loans equaling about 13 cents for cotton at Gulf Ports.

A cable from Washington states:

"Moving to provide 85 per cent crop loans the Senate rejected the House's 75 per cent bill and sent the measure to the Conference Committee of which Senator Bankhead is Chairman. Meanwhile the bill's sponsor, Chairman Fulmer of the House of Agriculture Committee announces he will acquiesce in 85 per cent for one year only."

The New York cotton market advanced on continued activity of Worth Street. Prices then eased after reports that the Army textile needs are diminishing and the reactionary tendency of commodities. Chicago grains continued on the up-grade with sentiment dominated by higher crop loan possibilities and the likelihood of enlarged shipments overseas under the Lease and Lend Bill.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened firm. Prices early touched new high levels on active general reports that the Chairman of the House Agricultural Committee would not oppose 85 per cent parity loans. Prices thereafter eased on increased Spot House selling and realising but encountered good trade support. Finally more active hedging appeared.

The market opened at a rise of 6 points with July 12.14 and under general buying advanced to 12.25 which was the highest level. At this level there was increased selling and July declined to 12.03. The market finally closed at a net decline of one point to a rise of 6 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 5 points at 12.34c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also steady and finally closed at a decline of one point to a rise of 4 points. Spot cotton prices declined one point at 11.91c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (10-5 a.m.) ..... 12.25+17

New York July lowest (11-25 a.m.) ..... 12.03—05

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Long liquidation and local selling. Hedge selling. Market quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 7

May	12.10+05
July	12.07—01
October	12.18—01
December	12.25+04
January	12.25+02
March	12.26+06
Middling Spot	12.34+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, May 7

May	12.15+03
July	12.16—01
October	12.28+01
December	12.30+02
January	12.28+02
March	12.32+04
Middling Spot	11.91—01

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 7

11 a.m. call

May	12.19
July	12.16
October	12.27

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, May 7

	Bales
Day's receipts at all U S Ports	10,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	nil
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 2nd May 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		98,04,94,000
Loans against Securities per contra		
Acceptances for Constituents		
Sundries		87,00,000
	Rupees	110,96,94,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	55,90,98,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,10,69,000	57,01,67,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	8,71,96,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	27,88,03,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,55,24,000	43,15,23,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		
Dead Stock		81,80,000
Sundries		89,64,000
Bullion		
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	6,73,19,000	
Balances with other Banks	1,35,41,000	8,08,60,000
	Rupees	110,96,94,000

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, May 8

Castorseeds May—		
Opening	Rs.	29 10 0
Highest		29 12 0
Lowest		29 10 0
Closing		29 12 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening		20 1 0
Highest		20 1 6
Lowest		20 0 9
Closing		20 1 0
Groundnuts May—		
Opening		27 12 0
Highest		27 12 0
Lowest		27 6 0
Closing		27 7 0
Groundnuts August—		
Opening		29 2 0
Highest		29 4 0
Lowest		28 14 6
Closing		28 15 6
Castorseeds September—		
Opening		31 10, 0
Highest		31 10 0
Lowest		31 8 0
Closing		31 8 0
Cottonseeds September—		
Opening		20 13 0
Highest		20 13 6
Lowest		20 11 6
Closing		20 12 0

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, May 8

Bengal Fine	122-23
Berar	158-61
C. P. 1	190-92
C. P. 2	165 68
Khandesh	130-42
Muglai	145 48
Broach	248-53
Punjab S. G. 289 F	358 68
Punjab R. G. 289 F	333 38
Punjab R. G. 4 F	273-80

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, May 8

Following a decline of one point in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 229/4 for Broach J/A delivery and advanced to Rs. 229/8. At this level there was moderate profit-taking and prices declined to Rs. 226/12 but moderate buying again improved to Rs. 228. There was moderate business and the tone of the market was quietly steady.

Prices sagged to Rs. 226 but rallied to Rs. 227//8. At this level there was long liquidation by Mahajan operators and prices declined to Rs. 225. At this level there was scattered buying and prices rallied to Rs. 227/4. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:

F G M G BROACH—			
April/May 1941	Rs.	252	8 0
July/August		227	4 0
April/May 1942		210	8 0
FINE M G OOMRA:—			
May		158	12 0
July		160	4 0
December/January		133	4 0
F G M G BENGAL:—			
May		221	8 0
July		224	8 0
December/January		231	8 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, May 8

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	52	97,680	53,707
Central India	652	137,867	105,230
Barsi and Nagar	194	108,408	111,026
Hyderabad/Gaorani	26	41,079	46,392
Berar	76	356,004	307,173
Central Provinces	.....	72,746	74,003
Total Oomras	1,000	812,784	698,531
Dholeras	635	81,920	76,649
N W Provinces	.....	1,306	25,388
Rajputana	.....	5,496	31,359
Sind-Punjab	728	500,984	332,843
Broach	4,575	206,891	389,660
Coompta & Dharwar	297	76,183	29,371
Westerns-Northerns	405	66,798	24,064
Cocoanada	.....	239	86
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	2,615	1,347
Total	7,640	1,757,217	1,609,298
Arrived by road to 1st May 1941	.....	283,133	246,387

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales	1940-41	1939-40
Receipts to date 7-5-41	3547000	7344000
Receipts yesterday 7-5-41	10000	4000
Export to date 7-5-41	898000	5951000
Stock at Ports 2-5-41	3356000	2657000
Stock at Interior Towns 2-5-41	2799000	2406000
Stock at Liverpool 2-5-41	.....	.....
Visible Supply 2-5-41	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 2-5-41	10497000	12821000
Quantity out of sight 2-5-41	.....	.....

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay, May 8

Linseed May	5	1 0
Linseed September	5	4 9
Wheat May	3	14 0
Wheat September	4	0 6

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, May 8

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	72 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	79 8 0

Tone:—Dull.

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 217 cent points at 331

Broach J/A below New York July 316 cent points at 331

New Broach A/M below New York March 408 cent points at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, May 7

Broach A/M highest 264 1/2 lowest 256 closing 257 1/2

Broach J/A highest 234 3/4 lowest 230 closing 231 1/4

Broach A/M 1942 highest 215 lowest 208 closing 212 1/4

Oomra May highest 162 1/2 lowest 159 closing 161 1/2

Oomra July highest 163 1/2 lowest 160 closing 163

Oomra D/J highest 167 1/2 lowest 163 1/2 closing 157 1/2

Bengal May highest 123 1/2 lowest 122 closing 123

Bengal July highest 126 1/2 lowest 125 closing 125 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 133 lowest 132 closing 133

Narrow Session In Shares

SCATTERED BUYING AND SELLING

Operators Await Developments

Bombay, May 8

The local market was fairly steady with moderate buying and quotations assumed hardening tendency but there being no follow up on the buying side prices sagged under scattered liquidation. The market is somewhat hesitant awaiting developments.

The Wall Street market was notably thin after previous day's strength, indicating traders' preference to quick turnovers rather than long term positions. However aggressiveness was lacking, the market relapsing lackadaisically either side of the previous close. The market was easy. U. S. Steel shares closed 3/8 down at 53 3/8 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares were unchanged at 24 1/8 dollars.

The local market after heavy decline is now steady but buyers are still cautious as local as well as political situation remains uncertain. The rise in raw cotton prices has reduced the margin of profits and divi-

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, May 8

Bombay Dyeing (1020) 1015 1032 1025 1020 1017/8

Century (389) 386 385 393 385 383

Central India (286) 281 289 285

Kohinoor (394) 391 398 392 390

Nee Great (380) 385 380

Simplex (97) 97/8 98 97

Swadeshi (274) 271 280 275 276

Associatod Cement (135/12) 136/8 136

Andhra (1885) 1885

Tram Ord (132/8) 132/8

Tata Hydro (175) 180

Tata Power (1565) 1560

T Steel Defd (1775) 1760 1795 1785 1777 1775 1776

T Steel Ord (364) 364 369 365 364/8

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (146/4) 146/4 146/8

Bellapur (204/8) 204

B Steam (305) 305

B Burma (438/12) 438 445 441 440

dends are likely to show any marked increase after paying taxes. This belief is now having its effect and speculative enthusiasm is cooled down. Investors are lending support but the market being working under restrictions, there is not the same zeal.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1760 and advanced to Rs. 1795. At this level there appeared moderate selling and quotation declined to Rs. 1775. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 364 and after advancing to Rs. 369 declined to Rs. 365. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1015 and after advancing to Rs. 1031 sagged to Rs. 1022. There was restricted business and quotations were mostly unchanged as compared with yesterday's close.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, May 8.

100	Ahm. Advance	278	2
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1017	8
100	CENTURY	383	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	285	0
100	COLABA	165	0
100	Coorla	100	0
250	David	37	8
250	Dawn	322	8
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 13	0
100	FINLAY	179	0
100	GOKAK X.D.	190	0
1000	Hindustan	2190	0
100	Indore	75	0
100	Khatau	131	4
100	KOHINOOR	390	8
250	LAXMI X.D.	473	12
100	MORARJI	205	0
250	Model	84	0
50	MYSORE	110	0
200	NEW GREAT	380	0
100	Oosmanshani	60	0
100	Phoenix	280	0
25	Sassoon Silk	82	0
1000	Sholapur	2825	0
50	SIMFLEX	97	0
100	SWADESHI	276	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu X.D.	1206	4
1000	Westerrn	1130	0

BANKS

50-100	BARODA	106	12
25-50	CENTRAL	41	10
500	IMPERIAL	1532	8
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	372	8
50-100	India	137	0
100	RESERVE BANK	102	8
5	UNION	6	5

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	136	0

INSURANCE

100	Empire	652	8
15-100	JUPITER	13	8
20	Mercantile	62	8
15-75	NEW INDIA	41	12
200	Oriental	3880	0
10-50	Vulcan	8	8

ELECTRIC

100	AHMD. OLD	175	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1885	0
10	AJMER	12	1
50	BOMBAY TRAM	132	8
100	Bombay Suburban	125	0
10	Broach	13	2
100	Karachi	215	4
100	Poona	216	4
100	Surat	176	4
100	TATA HYDRO	175	0
1000	TATA POWER	1560	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Frantij	862	8
100	C Province	104	12
100	Dhono Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	100	0
100	Mandra Bhon	104	0
100	Pachora Jamner	63	8
100	Sara Sirajgunj	103	0
500	Tapti Valley	646	4

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	4	2
10	Indian Copper	1	15
10	Indian Iron and Steel	27	10
10	SHIVRAJPUR	30	0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1776	4
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	364	8
10	Steel Corporation	16	12

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	542	8
10	Air Services	3	8
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	204	0
200	Bombay Sale Dep.	595	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	305	0
125	B. Burma	440	0
50	B. Burma Cont	152	8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3 2	9
50	BOMBAY TELEPHUNE	86	0
100	IND. BLEACHING	125	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	44	0
100	Indian Radio Def.	530	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	525	0
100	Port Canning	85	8
30	PREMIER CON.	86	0
15	SCINDIA	19	4
25	Tata Oil	58	0
200	Wimco	203	0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1540	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	313	12
7	p.c Bom. Tram (T F.)	75	12
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	637	8
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const 1st	116	0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 2nd	108	8
7	p.c Tata Hydro	154	6
7	1/2 p.c Tata Power	1571	4
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	215	0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	146	8
7	p.c. Vishnu	753	12

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	101	4
4	p.c Bom Telephone	51	8
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	2

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, May 8

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 1/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were again unchanged at 23 1/2d. The market was steady with very little business. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 1/8. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was quiet with scattered selling. Gold opened at Rs. 42-12-6 and declined to Rs. 42-11-6 while silver was quiet at Rs. 62-14-0.

Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42 8 0
Vaishakh		42 8 6
Jeth		42 9 6
Sovereigns		28 14 0

SILVER

Ready		62 12 0
Vaishakh		62 12 6
Jeth		63 14 0

LONDON SILVER

London, May 7

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, May 7

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

PEPPER & GINGER.

Bombay, May 8

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:—

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	Rs.	83	0 0
Pepper Jeth Sud *5 per candy		82	8 0
Pepper Bhadarva Sud 15 per candy		85	0 0
Ginger bleached ready per cwt		17	0 0
Ginger Vaisnakh Sud 15 per cwt		13	12 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, May 8

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

From Bond Rs. 10-10-0

Shipment March Rs. 9-8-0 F B H

Shipment May Juno Rs. 9-5-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 14-0-0 to 14-11-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 14-12-0 to 15-12-0

Tone:—Steady.

Bombay Yarn Quotations

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, May 8

Yarn No. 6 1/2s June 136 August 137 October 138

Yarn No 10 1/2s June 147 August 148 October 149

Yarn No. 20 1/2s June 219 August 221 October 223

Yarn No. 40s June 323 August 325 October 327

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, May 8

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		128	126	124	122
M G Punjab		128	126	124	122
M G Rajputana		133	131	129	127
M G Oomra No. 3	170	167	164	161	
M G C P No. 1	202	199	196	193	
M G C P No. 2	180	177	174	171	
M G Broach No. 2		263	260	257	254
M G Punjab-Ameri		303	300	297	294
M G Surat		374	371	368	365
M G Rajpipla		369	366	363	360
M G Navsari		384	381	378	375

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, May 8

LONDON:—

Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 two months.

Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 three months

Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 9/32 four months.

B. C. RATES:—

T T 1/5 29/32; D D 1/5 29/32

Banks selling T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16

Banks buying T T 1/6d; D D 1/6 3/32

NEW YORK:—

Banks selling T T 333 1/4; D D 333 1/4

Banks buying T T 330; D D 328 1/2

MONTREAL:—

Banks selling T T 303; D D 304

Banks buying T T 297 3/4; D D 296 1/4

JAVA:—

Banks selling T T 55 3/4; D D 56

Banks buying T T 57 1/2; D D 57 1/2

JAPAN:—

Banks selling T T 81 1/2; D D 81 1/2

Banks buying T T 77 1/4; D D not quoted

BERNE:—

Banks selling T T 126 3/4; D D 126 3/4

Banks buying T T 131; D D 131

STOCKHOLM:—

Banks selling T T 123; D D 123

Banks buying T T 128; D D 128

SINGAPORE:—

Banks selling T T 158; D D 158

Banks buying T T 155; D D 155

HONGKONG:—

Banks selling T T 85 1/4; D D 84 1/2

Banks buying T T 81 1/2; D D 81 1/2

SHANGHAI:—

Banks selling T T 19 3/4; D D 18 3/4

Banks buying T T 17; D D 17

MEXICO:—

Banks selling T T 67.27; D D 66.27

Banks buying T T 63.04; D D 62.04

LISBON:—

Banks selling T T 7.35; D D 7.35

Banks buying T T 7.55; D D 7.55

CROSS RATES:—

London/New York Dol. 4 02 1/2-3 1/2

London/Montreal Dol. 4.43/47

London/Java Glds. 7.58/52

London/Japan Sh. 1/2 1/2

London/Berne Fcs. 17.30/40

London/Stockholm K. 16.85/95

Singapore/London Sh. 2/4 5/32-7/32

Hongkong/London Sh. 1/3 1/32

Shanghai/London Sh. 0/3 3/8

Mexico/London Pes. 19.5-21.5

Lisbon/London Esc. 99.80-100.20

New York/London Dol. 4.03 1/4

JAPAN:—

Bank's buying 60 days st. 76 1/2

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £8/8/0 Ready.

New York Silver 34 3/4

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent

Reserve Bank rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1/4 per cent

1 to 3 months 1/2 per cent.

6 months 3/4 per cent.

Tone of Money Market:—Easy.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 7

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£88 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£99 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£78 1/2
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£104 1/2
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£103 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 1/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£111 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8 11/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg)	£71 1/2
National Bank of India	£29 3/4

LONDON SEEDS

London, May 7

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe May/ June quoted	20/9
Wheat Barletta Russo May/ June quoted	21
Wheat South Australian May/ June quoted	27/6

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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, May 8.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/1852 Loan 97-5
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95-2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-10
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-2
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-5
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-4
3 per cent War Bonds 101-10
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 112-10

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1954/55 Loan 110-12
4 per cent 1963/65 Mysore 115
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1941 108
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 115-8
6 per cent M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent K P T

NEW YORK COTTON THREE POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1941

New York: May 8.

Previous closing	12.07
To-day's opening	11.99
Difference	—.08
To-day's closing	12.10
Difference	+.03

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 252/12
Broach July/August	Rs 227/8
Broach April/May 1942	Rs. 210/12

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: May 8.

New York cotton showed reactionary trend under persistent selling, while lower Bombay cables also checked buying. Trading in July began at 11.99, i.e. 8 points lower. Prices declined on liquidation and active hedging, but later rallied on good trade and local support.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton:—

May (12.14/13) 11.98/98
July (12.15/14) 11.99/96
October (12.29/29) 12.08/05

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: May 8.

Castorseeds unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta May June (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16
Linseed La Plata June (£11 3/4 quoted) £11 3/4
Groundnut Coromandal May June (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4

JUTES

Dundee May (£47) £47
Lightning May (£43) £43

RUBBER

Spot (14d buyer) 14 1/4d
Forward July/Septr. (14 1/8d value) 14 1/8d paid.

LONDON METALS

Tin (£270 1/4 buyers; £270 3/4 sellers) £270 1/2 buyers; £271 sellers.
Electrolytic Copper (£52) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: May 8.

144 cases machinery and parts, 360 bdls printing paper, 50 c/s icecream spoons, 104 bls news print paper, 590 bdls wrapping paper, 180 c/s cut tacks, 33 bls cotton fents, 82 bls secondhand clothing, 350 bdls chip boards, 378 cases dry batteries, 300 c/s rayon yarn, 110 c/s pharmaceuticals, 250 c/s tea chest fittings, 82 bls raw silk, 60 c/s cnd sardines, 40 bls Noil yarn, 50 c/s evaporated milk, 492 dms asphalt, 271 c/s auto parts, 360 c/s Hurricane lanterns, 264 lse loose springs 822 coils wire, 76 bdls wood pulp wallboard, 908 dms dyestuffs, 78 c/s earthenware, 44 sacks activated clay, 31 c/s smoked bacon, 34 boxes elect transformers, 45 B/bls powdered skim milk, 80 c/s toilet soap, 215 pkgs cnd provision, 65 c/s waste silk yarn, 100 c/s blue cut tacks, 312 D/bags bolts and nuts, 277 c/s cnd tomato juice soap etc., 29 pkgs gear frames, 350 cls Manila rope, 255 c/s hardened cocoanut oil, 35 c/s pineapples, 50 ctns yeast, 1171 slabs refined tin, 214 coils galvd wire, 726 coils plain galvd wire, 60 bdls horse nails, 36 c/s silk pcegoods, 121 c/s medicines, 38 dms aluminium powder, 125 pcs steam pipes, 50 c/s black steel pipe, 100 cases copper wire, 64 casks zinc sheet, 60 bdls red steam tubes, 3170 pkgs K D Asy material, 432 bdls galvd pipe, 514 coil plain wire, 66 boxes insulated copper wire, 137 c/s steel wood screws, 1280 reels galvd barb wire 270 pcs steel plates, 108 cases dental cream, 72 pcs black pipe, 62 dms trichlorethylene, 552 pcs galvd steel pipe, 1161 bdls galvd steel pipe, 100 dms fused zinc chloride, 3346 pcs wire nails.

EXPORTS

Bombay: May 8.

536 bags shelled almonds H K Kesharwalla; 850 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 329 bls raw cotton Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd; 189 bls D/s goat skins Cox and Kings (Agts) Ltd; 8169 bags linseed Louis Dreyfus and Co; 680 bls cotton waste Barot Bros and Co 415 bls cotton waste Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 66 bls cow hides tanned P. Boyce and Son; 2000 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 13 bls cotton prtd bedspreads The India Merchandise Co Ltd; 1280 bags bone sinews B Ardeshir and Co; 28 bls raw cotton Narandas Rajaram and Co; 5325 bags linseed bold Vaid Bros Ltd; 200 tons manganese ore The Shivrajpur Syndicate Ltd 325 bls cotton waste V A Save and Co; 100 bls cotton twist waste V A Save and Co; 106 bls cotton pcegoods A El Ejel; 87 b/s cotton yarn A El Ejel; 46 bls cotton grey yarn R Shantilal and Co; 209 bls cotton pcegoods The Central Trading Co.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: May 8.

Previous closing	4.03 1/4
To-day's opening	4.03 1/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: May 8.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: May 8.

London Exchange opened with the sterling/dollar at 4.02-50 to 4.03-50, which is officially fixed rate.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON SILVER

London: May 8.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23-1/2d nil
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

LONDON GOLD

London: May 8.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32) 1-5 31/32
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.30) 30.30
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/16 to 0-3 3/8) 0-3 1/16 to 0-3 3/8
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay: May 8.

There was no trading during the night session

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

New York: May 8.

Following are the New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors (dol 38) dol 38
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 5/8) dol 24 1/8
U. S. Steel Common (dol 54 1/8) dol 53 1/4
U. S. Steel Prefereuce (dol 119 1/2) dol 119½

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

MODERATE BUSINESS

CALCUTTA: May 8.

In Share Market the condition remained unchanged to-day and the volume of business was moderate. Coals, Jutes, Teas and Cottons showed no material alterations. Government Securities remained firm. Speculative Engineering issues and Miscellaneous Industrials kept fairly steady about their last levels.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Govt Securities: 3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946 101/8 s odd lot; 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 95/2; 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 102/10 s lots; 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 108; 4 1/2 per cent Loan 1955/60 112/6 s lot; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 110/10 s lots.

Banks: Reserve Bank 103.

Railways: Darjeeling Himalayan Rly. Pref 102.

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 5/8, New Victoria Pref 5/4.

Coals: Burrakur 12/3, Equitable 33/12, Satpukuria and Asansol annas 12.

Jutes: Anglo-India 312 s lot; Budge Budge 340, Cheviot Pref 159/4, Howrah 49/9, Hukumchand ord 8/11, Kamarhatty 488, Kanknarrah 364, Khardah pref 150 c div, Kelvin pref 173/8 Lawrence 370, National 21/8, Nellimarla 7/8, Presidency 4/3, Standard 246/8, Wawrley 2/3.

Minings: Burma Corpn 4/3, Consolidated Tin 2/2, Indian Copper 1/15, Karanpura Development 7/4, Dalmia Cement ord 10/12 s lot

Chemicals: Alkali and Chemical pref 117, Bengal Aerating Gas 50, Bengal Chemical ord 385 s odd lot.

Electrics: Mirzapur Elec 3/6.

Engineering Companies: Burn and Co ord 353 s lot, Hukumchand Steel ord 10/12, Defd 2/6, Indian Iron and Steel 27/14, Indian Steel and Wire Products ord 52, Steel Corpn ord 17.

Miscellaneous: Bararee Coke 20/14, B I Corpn ord 4/1, Dunlop Rubber ord 40/8, Indian Cables 19/11.

Papers: Bengal ord 116, Sree Gopal 10/10, Titaghur ord 16/7.

Sugars: Bauli 145/8, Bharat 7/12, Buland 15/8, Ramnagger Cane and Sugar pref 125, Raza 15/14 s lots.

Teas: Bishnauth 24/14, Dauracherra 9/12, Oodaleah 4/4 odd lot, Sapoi 10/12.

Debentures: 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 98/4 s odd lots.—A. P.

3 1|2 P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: May 8.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 7/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: May 8.

London Stock Exchange maintained a firm tone.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: May 8.

5 per cent 1958/68 (£104 3/4) £104 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£78 1/2) £78 5/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/2) £104 1/2
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99) £99
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113) £113 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 3/4) £103 7/8
New War Loan (£100 1/2) £100 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£111 7/8) £111 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (10-9) 10-10 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (30-4½) 30-4½
Hydro Electric No dealings
Electric Music Industry (7-4 1/2) 7-4 1/2
Princhin Johnson (17-6) 17-4 1/2
Imperial Chemicals (30-4 1/2) 30-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (47-6) 47-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates (£49 1/2) £49 1/2
Dundee Rubber (33-0) 33-9
Unilever Ordinary (20-3) 20-3
Ford Motors (17-7 1/2) 17-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£62 3/4) £62 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (86-3) 87-6
Carreas 'A' (£3 3/4) £3 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (91-3) 91-10 1/2
P and O Def (22-7 1/2) 22-7 1/2
Distillers (62-9) 62-9
Bredfords Dye (3.6) 3.6
British Celanese (3-6) 3-7 1/2
J and P Coates (28-10 1/2) 29-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (30-10 1/2) 31-0
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-6) 2-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (15-0) 15-0
Inter Nickel Ordinary (dol 39 7/8) dol 40
Indian Iron (41-3) 41-3

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (29-4 1/2) 29-4 1/2
Empire of India (20-7 1/2) 20-0

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Barnagore (£7) £7

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (13-9) 13-9
Guna Kelampong (15-0) 15-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24-7 1/2) 24-7 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (16 10 1/2) 16-10 1/2
Burma Corporation (6-0) 6-1 1/2
Rio Tintos (£7) £7
East Rand Properties (39-4 1/2) 39-4 1/2
Rand Mines (£6 7/8) £6 7/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£11 5/8) £11 5/8
Associated Portland Cement (48-9) 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold (65-7 1/2) 64-4 1/2
Sub Nigel (£7 1/8) £7 1/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (21-3) 21-3
Union Corporation (£6 3/4) £6 3/4

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (25-7 1/2) 26-3
Anglo-India (26-3) 26-10 1/2
Burma Oil (46-3) 46-3
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-7 1/2
Shell Transport (40-7 1/2) 40-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£16) £16

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£33 3/4) £33 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12 5/8) £12 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£1 5/8) £1 5/8
London Southern Def (£9 7/8) £9 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£126) £126
London Transport 'C' (£30) £30

Fair Retail Prices For Week

The following are the fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 9th inst.:—

Article.	Rate per Paylee As.ps.
Rice Country Jirasal—	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	0-13-3 to 13 9
(Bhiwandi) No. 2 quality	0-12-3 to 13 0
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	0 11-3 to 11 6
Patni	0- 8-0 to 9 0
Wheat Khandwa No. 2	9 0
Wheat Yellow (Nasik)	8 6
Wheat Pissi Butki (Punjab)	7 6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	5 6
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	5 6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	5 6
Gram Banda	6 0
Gram Shahapura	7 9
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	8 0
Turdal Surti Oiled Superior	10 9
Masur Dal Superior	8 0
Chana Dal No. 1	8 0
Mung Chinai No. 2	10 0

	Rate per lb.
Ghee Hatras	14 0
Ghee Porbunder	15 0
Til Oil	3 6
Coccanut Oil	3 0
Groundnut Oil	2 6
Indian Sugar	2 3
	Rate 2 boxes
Wimco Matches 40 sticks	0 9
Wimco Matches 60 sticks	1 0

DEVELOPMENT OF SQUEEZE IN OLD BROACH CONTRACTS

Bombay, May 8

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following weekly report:—

The New York market has again been strong and active during the past week. A new high level for about four years has been reached. The Loan level for next season has not yet been definitely agreed upon but it now seems certain that it will be not less than twelve cents. Meantime activity amongst American mills continues to expand as the defence programme gets under way. Recently internal consumption has been at the rate of about ten million bales per annum and it seems possible that before very long this might be stepped up to about one million bales per month. Not only is much cotton material required for War and export purposes but with millions of people who for years had been unemployed now being absorbed into industry the requirements of these have now to be met. People who have had to go on short commons for a long time are now earning good wages which will be spent and in turn this will create more employment. We fully realise that there is ample cotton in America to meet increasing demand but we understand that the price obtainable for cotton goods in America is such that the manufacturers can easily afford present or better prices for the raw material and when a position like this arises it invariably helps the price of the raw material. Temporary setbacks in price are probable as cotton is withdrawn from the Loan, but it seems to us that the general trend of prices in America will be upward.

In Bombay the cotton position has been dominated by the development of the squeeze in the old Broach contracts. As prices have advanced and particularly as the spread between old A/May and J/August widened tenders of cotton against the contract have greatly increased. In many cases cotton of better quality which normally would not have been tendered has been thrown on the market. The result is that a larger proportion of recent tenders has been passed in Arbitration and Appeal. This will mean that the Bull party will have to weigh over a much larger quantity than seemed probable a few weeks ago, but in the long run this may not be entirely to his disadvantage, for it raises the average quality of what will ultimately be his holdings. When he does come to unload, as he must one day, it will be found that he will be holding cotton which the trade must have for consumption. If he is strong enough then, he may be in the position to dictate the basis of much of this cotton, whereas at present tenderable differences are being fixed by the Daily Rates Committee and/or the Board of Directors. Admittedly the whole position is a huge gamble but many people in the trade believe that all the cotton he will have to receive will be required before another crop is ready for consumption. Meantime he is being assisted by the advance which is taking place in America, and increasing prices, if these materialise, are unlikely to restrict the increasing consumption of the Indian Textile Industry.

As we said in this report last week the average trader is better advised to stand aside from present operations in old crop Broach contracts. At that time we also stated that New Crop contracts looked cheap. These have appreciated in value during the last week and we are of opinion this trend is likely to continue for we are now entering that part of the season when stocks of cotton in all India are on the decrease and as cotton goes into consumption hedges have to be lifted. Furthermore, New Crop prices are at a level at which speculators are more likely to go long than short.

BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE

Dewan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar and Mr. P. S. Sathappa Chettiar of Coimbatore were invited to visit the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., Mr. S. G. Shah and other directors of the Exchange received them on Thursday. The visitors expressed their satisfaction at the working and progress of the Exchange.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay, May 8

Wheat September	0 7 0
Linseed September	0 10 6
Groundnuts August	2 12 0
Castorseeds September	3 8 0
Cottonseed September	1 12 0
Silver 1st settlement	0 3 0
Silver 2nd settlement	0 13 0
Gold 1st settlement	0 2 0
Gold 2nd settlement	0 10 0

FORD COMPANY'S "NO" TO LABOUR OFFICER?

Workers' Union Considering Further Steps: Governor's Intervention May Be Sought For Settlement

The situation arising out of the action taken by the management of the Ford Motor Car Company in keeping out of work a large number of its employees does not show any improvement. The hope that intervention by the Labour Officer of the Government of Bombay would lead to a speedy settlement, it now appears, has not been fulfilled. Unless the Government bring pressure on the Ford management to meet the representatives of the workers who are kept out, a crisis seems to be inevitable.

ANOTHER APPROACH TO LABOUR COMMISSIONER

In the meantime the Ford Motor Workers' Union is seriously considering the situation and its future line of action. It appears that a further attempt is being made to seek the intervention of the Commissioner of Labour and an appeal to the Governor of Bombay is also, it is understood, being discussed.

On Thursday Mr. C. S. Pillai, a Vice-President of the Workers' Union and another worker against whom warrants of arrests were issued, surrendered themselves at the Lamington Road Police Station. They along with another worker who had been taken into custody the previous evening were produced before the Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court. They were released on bail. Mr. H. R. Pardiwalla, Bar-at-Law, appeared for them.

GENERAL MOTOR WORKERS' SYMPATHY

The Managing Committee of the General Motors Workers' Union which met on Thursday evening passed the following resolution in regard to the Ford Motor Workers:

"The General Motor Workers' Union strongly condemns the attitude of the Ford Motors Management in locking out a larger number of its employees without any reasonable or just cause. The Union congratulates the victimised Ford workers on their dignified and peaceful attitude and declares its solidarity with them in their struggle for justice. This Union further calls on all workers not to allow themselves to be used as blacklegs and work in the place of those who have been forcibly kept out of work by the Ford Motor Car Company. The Union also hopes that the Company will realise the wrong it has done to its workers and see its way to take them back to work immediately."

A Union official told a reporter of this paper on being asked as to what the Union proposed to do in the light of the developments:

APPROACH TO GOVERNOR?

"It is indeed deplorable that the Ford Motors Management should continue to persist in their unreasonable attitude. Their refusal even to respond to the invitation of the Labour Officer to open negotiations only betrays a guilty conscience. We have represented our case. If the other side refuses to place theirs, there can be only one conclusion. Why the Labour Officer should fight shy of the obvious is difficult to understand. We are, however, determined to seek a peaceful solution and in that attempt we shall persist till all avenues in that direction are closed against us. We are convinced that the workers have a just case and there is no reason why justice should be denied to them. We are sure that His Excellency the Governor whose intervention may be sought, if everything else fails, will give sympathetic attention to the cry for justice.

NO PROTECTION TO WORKERS

Meanwhile, the report in the evening papers that the Ford Motor Car Company has been declared a "protected area" is a new and surprising development. We do not know whether a declaration to that effect has been made in fact. The war has brought many new laws and rules. But those that apply to notified factories suffer from a serious lapse. While there are ample provisions to protect the owners of the factories concerned, these few, if at all, that safeguard the interests of the workers in them. The case of the Ford Motor workers is a palpable instance in point. Be these as they may, we still hope for a peaceful settlement."

In the evening a meeting of the workers was held at the Union premises when Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas, President of the Union, addressed the workers on the steps the Union was taking to safeguard their interests.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 8-5-41.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +.057 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 84.7 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 79.0 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 91.3 degrees 0.7 above normal

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 79.8 degrees 1.5 above normal

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 76 per cent

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 2 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 61 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 13 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 4

BRITAIN'S EXPORTS GO UP

LONDON, May 1.

The "Daily Telegraph" Political Correspondent writes:

Despite the Battle of the Atlantic, which entered a more intense phase early this year, and air attacks on ports and industrial districts, Britain's export trade is being expanded. The figures of the value and volume of our exports and their destination are no longer published, but I learn from an authoritative source that in the first three months this year they showed a progressive increase.

In total, they substantially exceeded the figures for the last three months of 1940. In part, the increase is no doubt due to higher prices.

North and South America remain our principal markets:

The Industrial and Export Council recently sent a request to all export groups to apply a selective policy to exports and encourage those which help the war effort.

Captain Oliver Lyttleton, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that we had increased our exports to the United States. His department would continue to give general guidance to the export groups.

RISE IN TEMPERATURE Warning Of Heavy Rainfall

POONA: May 8.

Thundershowers have been fairly widespread over Kashmir, Assam, Southeast Bengal, local in North Bengal, Mysore and occurred at a few stations in East and North Punjab. Scattered thunderstorms are also reported from Malabar and Southeast Madras.

The principal amounts of rainfall are:—Cherrapunji 3 inches; Silchar, Chittagong 2 each; Shillong, Sonamarg 1 1/2 each; Cox's Bazar, Barisal 1 each; Jalpaiguri, Mysore 3/4 each; Dras 1/2; Rawalpindi, Ootacamund 1/4 each.

Temperatures have risen slightly along and near the North-West Frontier and are 9 to 14 deg. Fahrenheit above the normal in the North-West Frontier Province, Punjab and the United Provinces.

Forecast until the evening of the 9th: Thundershowers will be widespread over Assam, North Bengal, Western Himalayas and local in South Bengal. A few thundershowers are also likely in Chota Nagpur and Bihar, while scattered thunderstorms may occur in Orissa, East United Provinces, Mysore, Southeast Madras and Malabar. There will be no large change in temperatures.

Heavy Rainfall Warning: Moderate to heavy rain may occur locally in Assam and North Bengal, during the next 48 hrs.—A.P.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 8-5-41

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 87.2 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.02 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.80 inches.

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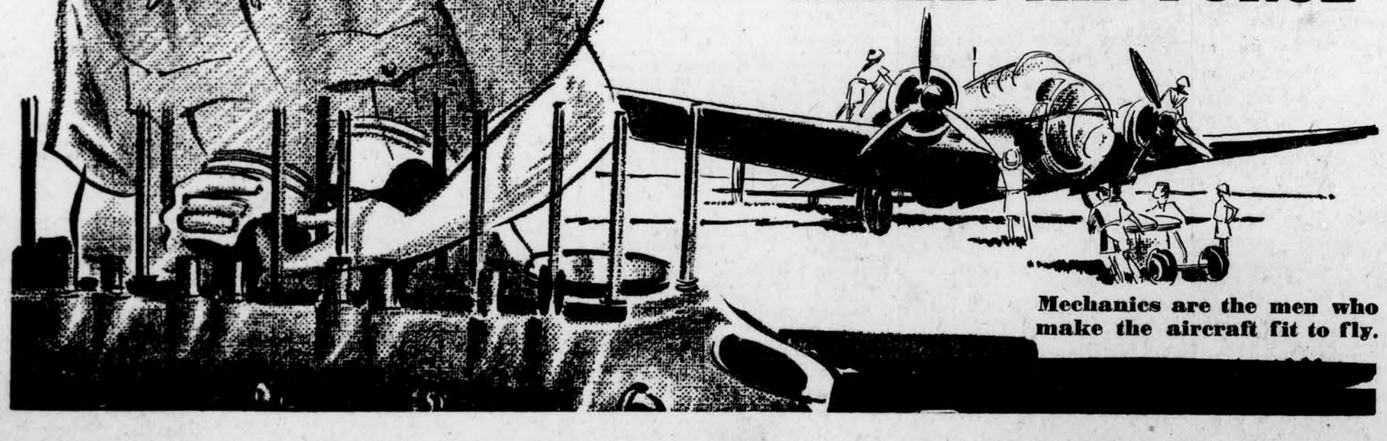

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Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Sud 13, 1997
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akhar 11, 1360
Parsi: Adar 7, 1310
Hightide: 10-25; 22-25
Lowtide: 3-56; 16-18
Sunrise: 6h. 7m.
Sunset: 7h. 4m.

Haj Committee Meeting at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Haj Committee Office.

INDORE INQUIRY

Syt. Dwarikanath Kachru, in charge of the Research Bureau and Investigator of the All-India States Peoples' Conference, left on Thursday by Frontier Mail for Indore to inquire into the present conditions of Indore State, the firing and the Labour strike of Indore.

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS—The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 2 will meet near the Municipal Head Office to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

CITY'S HEALTH

Health of Bombay during the week ending 3rd May, 1941:—

The total mortality 588 was 44 less than that of the last week and the death rate registered was 20.5 on the census population of 1941. Out of the total deaths, 134 were among infants under one year of age. During the week smallpox caused 44 attacks (including 2 imported) and 32 deaths. There was one case from cholera (imported from Nasik) and one death. Plague was absent. There were 6 deaths from Typhoid.

The number of live-births registered during the week was 721 as against 755 for the 18th week of 1940 and 681—the quinquennial average for the corresponding weeks in the five years (1936/40).

A Swadeshi Fair is to be opened on Saturday (to-morrow) evening at Juhu Rd., Vile Parle. The fair is sponsored by the 'Kala-Kendra' an institution for the service of national arts and industries. The fair is intended to last for ten days. It will also have daily attractions like amusement Park, Variety entertainments and Art gallery.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"Red Tail Minstrels" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Sky Murder" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hudson's Bay" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Tin Pan Alley" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Wings Over Africa" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
HIND-MATA—"Zindagi" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Lagan". Daily at 3-30 p.m. only.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 3-30 p.m. only.
CHITRA—"Matlabi Dunia". Daily at 4, 5-45 and 9-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Shejari". Daily at 3-30 p.m. only.
EDWARD—"Typhoon". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

MUSLIM RELIEF WORK
(From A Correspondent).

The Muslim National Guards continue to serve at the Railway Stations and have guided since the outbreak of riot more than 1,500 passengers to zones of safety. The Court Committee does its services. Messrs. M. T. Kaderbhoy and Dedanwala have been appearing for those arrested during the riots. Food is being supplied in jails to Muslim under-trials together with toilet requisites. Distribution of cash and rice to the heirs and relatives of the victims of riot continues and uptil now many such families have been supplied with the requirements. Hospital Committee, constituted of doctors and citizens visits those injured and distributes fruits etc. Deserving Mussalmans, Jews and Christians have their food at several places including Halai Memon Moholla, Kolsa Moholla, Kasai Moholla and other Muslim localities where arrangements have been made by different Jamats and Memon Merchants' Chambers.

GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO CONFIRM MR. ASOKA MEHTA IN "A" CLASS
(From A Correspondent).

Mr. Asoka Mehta, prominent Congress Socialist and a Municipal Corporator, it is understood, has been removed to the Yeravda Jail on Thursday morning. It will be recalled that last month Mr. Mehta was convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate and sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment for a speech delivered by him (Mr. Mehta) at Chaupatty at the time of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's arrest.

Mr. Mehta was recommended to be placed in "A" Class by the Magistrate, which order was subsequently confirmed by him. But it would appear the Bombay Government refused to confirm it with the result that Mr. Mehta, who was kept in "A" class for about a month, was transferred to "B" class. Mr. Mehta who looked cheerful was met by friends and relatives at the station.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

Suburban liquor merchants mustered strong to bid for the auction of liquor licence for a shop at Bandra and one at Santa Cruz at the Bombay Town Hall yesterday morning.

There were in all nine merchants from Bandra, Khar, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Andheri and Kurla.

The first bidder to raise the amount to Rs. 3,000 level was Mrs. Shrinbai Ruttonsha, proprietress of the Edward Bar, Bandra, but Mrs. H. P. D'Souza bid higher and after a stiff competition between the two ladies, Mrs. D'Souza stood the highest bidder, her bid being Rs. 6,100.

The bidding of the Santa Cruz shop was started at Rs. 2,000 and again there was a stiff fight between the same two ladies, Mrs. D'Souza again being the highest bidder. Her bid for this shop was Rs. 4,000.

These two shops brought Government Rs. 6,100. Most of the merchants who were present were surprised at such high bidding and all went home disappointed.

BANDRA RAILWAY STATION

A correspondent writes to complain of the inconvenience caused by the closing of the railway gate near the third class booking office of the Bandra Railway Station.

This gate, he states, was always left open throughout the day, but since last month it is every day closed from about 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. This causes any amount of inconvenience to the public as third class passengers have to purchase their tickets and go around about from the second class entrance. He sincerely hopes the railway authorities will do the needful in this matter.

Bombay Suburban Swadeshi Fair At Parle

VIKAS MANDAL—A public meeting will be held to-day (Friday) at 8-30 p.m. at Liberty Lodge Hall, Juhu Rd., when Sjt. Kapilrai Thakkar, a well-known Gujarati writer, will deliver a lecture on "Rajkavi Kalapi."

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

The following Civil Appointments have been gazetted:—

The Government of Bombay has created a post of Deputy Director of Agriculture in Class I of the Bombay Agricultural Service on the scale of Rs. 300—20—420—E.B.—30—660—E.B.—40—900 with effect from 5th May 1941, and has appointed Rao Saheb S. H. Prayag, Cotton Breeder, S.M.C., Dharwar, to officiate in it, and to do duty, as Deputy Director of Agriculture, C.D., Poona, with effect from that date or the subsequent date on which he assumes charge.

Rao Saheb G. A. Bhatt to officiate as District Deputy Collector, Kaira, vice Mr. I.T. Almaula transferred.

Mr. D. A. Shah, officiating Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, is granted, with effect from 22nd April 1941, leave on average pay for 26 days.

The Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the temporary post of Controller of Prices in the General Department of the Secretariat should be continued, pending further orders, until the end of July 1941 and that Mr. F. J. Karaka should continue to hold it.

Mr. M. E. Haskell, Industrial Engineer, is granted leave on average pay out of India for eight months with effect from the 1st August, 1941.

Mrs. S. P. Atre, Assistant Mistress, High School for Indian Girls, Poona, to be officiating Lady Superintendent and Head Mistress, Training College for Women and Girls' High School, Nasik.

Mr. B. G. Murdeshwar, LL.B., to officiate as Assitsant Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Legal Department, vice Mr. R. T. Katarki, LL.B., proceeded on leave, pending further orders.

Mr. S. L. Chaudhari, LL.B. to officiate as Personal Assistant to the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, vice Mr. B. G. Murdeshwar, LL.B., promoted, pending further orders.

The Government of Bombay is pleased under the provisions of sections 24 and 25 of the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 (III of 1936), to appoint for a term of ten years from the date of this notification, Mr. Ardeshar Hormasji Talati, to be a delegate to aid in the adjudication of cases arising under that Act in the Parsi District Matrimonial Court at Surat, vice Khan Bahadur Dr. D. J. Edal Behram deceased.

Rs. 76,000 For Lohana Institution

Messrs. Vallabhji Ramji and Shamji Umarsi Bhagat, the Executors and Trustees of Jetha Dhanji (deceased), filed a suit in the High Court of Bombay 'inter alia' praying for an order that they should be authorised to hand over 3 1/2 per cent loans of Rs. 76,000 to the Trustees of Naranji Ebji and Bhulchand Meghji Lohana Boarding (for higher education) Bombay, for a building for the said boarding to be named after the deceased Jetha Dhanji. This order was granted by the Hon. Mr. Justice Somjee on 17th April 1941.

Sir J. B. Kanga, Kt., instructed by Messrs Dharamsi Dinkarrau and Nandlal, Solicitors, appeared for Vallabhji Ramji and another. Mr. M. C. Setalvad instructed by Government Solicitor, Mr. C. C. Shah, appeared for the Advocate General.

Water Tanks: Manufacture In India

Orders for several hundred tanks, filters and pumps for water tank lorries have been received by Supply Department. Arrangements have been made with the firms concerned to produce these things at the rate of several dozens a month.

Dairy Research

SIMLA: May 8.

The Government of India, says a Press Note, have recently established a Dairy Chemistry and Dairy Bacteriology Section of the Imperial Dairy Research Institute, and these sections have, pending the construction of the new institute, been accommodated at the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

A reorganisation of the Imperial Dairy Department has been affected, and the Director of Dairy Research has taken over certain duties from the imperial Dairy Expert.

The Imperial Dairy Expert will in future be designated as the Dairy Husbandry officer and Principal of the Imperial Dairy Institute, Bangalore.—A. P.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN STUDENTS' UNION—A send-off will be given to Sjt. Prabhakar G. Dev, General Secretary, Bombay Suburban Students' Union, who is offering Satyagraha on 10th inst. (to-morrow), at Tejpal Building, Vile Parle (East), to-day (Friday), at 6-30 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION—Telegraphic communication to and from Yogoslavia, Greece and its islands (except Crete) is suspended.

Good work continues to be done by the Civic Guards in Bombay Province.

The total number of Guards on April 1 was 4,378, 1,209 being on the roll in Bombay City.

OVERRIDING BY GOVT.

Thana Municipal Board Discusses Issue Of Crude Oil Levy

(From Our Correspondent.)
THANA, May 7.

Twenty-two members out of the total strength of 29 attended the informal meeting of the General Board of the Thana Municipality, convened by the President Mr. B. H. Taraporewala. The members discussed for the last two days the action to be taken as a result of the Government overriding the Municipality, regarding the rate of the levy on crude oil.

It appears from the trend of discussions that "resignations "en bloc" policy is not finding favour with an influential section of the Board and other remedies for meeting the situation will be tried first. The financial repercussions of the proposed step are being brought home to those who passed the resolution in January last. It is understood, the President is trying to avert the crisis by arranging with the Government for a suitable rate subject to the approval of the General Board.

Indian Naik Gets D. S. Medal

SIMLA, May 8.

A Naik of the Rajputana Rifles who, though on foot, forced two enemy tank crews to surrender, has been awarded the Indian Distinguished Service Medal, states a Press Note. During the advance on the east of the two Tumar forts, south of Sidi Barrani, Khema Ram's company had to pass the north end of Tumar West. The enemy opened fire at close range and also attacked with light tanks. Supported by rifle fire from a comrade, Tulsi Ram, Khema Ram without hesitation advanced on the tanks and threw a 'petrol bomb' on one of them, which burst into flames; two tanks's crews promptly surrendered, many casualties were avoided and the advance continued.—A. P

Govt. Thanks Helpers Of Cyclone Victims

The Government of Bombay has conveyed its thanks to all those concerned in rescuing persons during the cyclone of October 16, when officials and members of the public saved many lives at considerable risk to themselves.

A lot of good work was done by the Bombay Port Trust officers, staff and men in rescuing people and providing them with shelter and food. Thirty-seven lives were also saved by officers and men of the Royal Indian Navy.

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, reported that the following persons, at considerable risk to themselves, rescued many people from drowning in the sea: Mrs. Madhubala C. Shah, Mr. Harold Palmer, Fire Brigade, Bombay; Mr. P. E. Winton, Inspector of Police, Bombay; Shaik Abdul Kadar Shaik Ahmed, Narayan Ganpat Kadam, Shaik Usman Ismail, Kaitan D'Souza, Basil Munes, Michael Lawrence Pereira—all of Government House Staff, Bombay; Kisan Bhandar Koli, Worli Koliwada; Mr. H. L. Sullen, Sub-Inspector of Police; Mr. A. Lewen.

Shravan Haji Patil, Durnrya Shrawan and Mozes Zurzia rescued six persons from a sinking 'machwa' two miles off Uttan. Dawoodkhan Hussein Khan Tindel and six others of the crew of the boat, "Goshwak" saved five Kolis who were hanging on to the floating wreckage of their vessel in Bombay Harbour.

Seven fishermen were saved by three soldiers—Lance-Corpiral E. Jones, Private E. Dyer and Private A. Lewis, Battery Sergeant-Major L. I. Murray, L/Sgt. Woolgar, L/Bdr. I. H. Scott and 11 men of the Fixed Defence Battery, R.A., gave valuable help to the police in rescuing eight men at Colaba point.

The Government has conveyed its gratitude to the individuals concerned through the proper authorities. His Excellency the Governor has sent also personal letters of appreciation to Mrs. Madhubala Chhotalal Shah, Kisan Bhandar Koli, Worli Koliwada, Mr. H. L. Sullen and Mr. A. Lewen.

Mrs. Hiranbai A. Tata Dead

Bombay Loses A Well-known Social Worker

The "Bombay Chronicle" regrets to announce the death of the great Social Worker Mrs. Hiranbai Tata on Sunday last at the age of 62. She was born in Bombay on the 9th October 1879. She studied upto Matriculation in the Parsi Young Ladies High School which she left and married at an early age of 16, but engaging a private tutor she kept up the studies of English and French upto the B.A. course. Under professional teachers, she learnt both Indian and Western Music. She devoted her last 30 years in public service to humanity in different spheres.

During the first half of her life she was laid up with illness for nearly five years during which time she took up studies on Theosophical and Occult subjects which she kept up till the last day of her life.

In 1917, she organised and started the Bombay Branch of the Women's Indian Association in Bombay, established Free Training Classes for women at Fort and Chowpatty where several subjects suited to the women were taught. In 1919—with her daughter Miss Mithan—went to England as representative of Bombay Women to request the British Parliament to give franchise rights to Women in India.

In that capacity, she travelled all over Europe and addressed many public meetings of women. She made her Headquarters in London for nearly four years and half, when her daughter successfully passed as Bar-at-Law she returned with her to Bombay and continued her social activities. With double vigour, organized the first Bombay Conference for Educational Reform and took very keen interest in the Social and Educational advancement of Indian women. She also organised many charitable and Social Concerts and served on the Committees of the Bombay Theosophical Society, Bombay Vigilance Association, and also on the Committee of the Society for the protection of Children in Western India, Women's Physical Culture and Health League, the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, the Women's Indian Association, Bombay Women's Committee for Educational and Social Reform. Besides working very diligently on so many Committees, she always occupied herself in writing and publishing nearly 18 booklets on various subjects.

INDO-BURMA PACT CRITICISED

RANGOON, May 8.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Nattukkotai Chettiars' Association, Mr. Vellayan Chettiar, who was re-elected President, dealt with the new Indo-Burma Trade Agreement, and said that the trade between India and Burma had been free hitherto and any imposition of duties, however, small would economically create a setback. It should be the endeavour of either party not to dislocate trade and hamper it.

NEED OF GRADUATED DUTIES

The Government of Burma had imposed duties on perishable articles and even foodstuffs, including oils, imported from India. Already adverse effects were being felt. He was of the opinion that these duties should start from almost negligible small rates and ascend by degrees as experience was acquired and effects realised.

After stating that Britain had carefully planned her future action in the event of any emergency arising in the East, Mr. Chettiar declared that Britain would come out victorious and establish to the world the principles of democracy for which it stands and fights. It was his desire, however, that Britain should accord to India and Burma the same privileges for which it was now fighting.—A. P.

TAGORE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The 80th birthday of Poet Rabindranath Tagore will be celebrated by the Bengali residents of Bombay on Saturday, 10 inst. at 7-30 p.m. in the Bengal Club premises, Parel.

Mrs. Kalyani Bhattacharjee will give a discourse on "Deshpremik Rabindranath".

Dr. M. K. Maitra will preside.

SIR A. H. GHUZNAVI

CALCUTTA, May 8.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi M.L.A. (Central) left for Delhi today to attend the meetings of the Industrial Research Utilisation Committee, Export Advisory Council and Supply Advisory Board.—A. P.

Bihar Govt. Grant To Udayshankar Centre

NAINI TAL: May 8.

The Bihar Government, it is understood, have given Rs. 2,000 each to the Udayshankar's Dancing Centre at Almora and the Morris Music College, Lucknow, in response to the request made by the U. P. Government that these institutions of all India importance should be subsidised.—United Press.

The Research Utilisation Committee of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research will begin at Simla on May 12. The Board will hold a two-day meeting here on May 16 and 17. A two-day session of the Export Advisory Council, has been called for May 14 and 15.

Tagore Endowment

Viswabharati's Appeal On Poet's Eightieth Birthday

CALCUTTA, May 8.

On the occasion of the eightieth birthday of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, which is being celebrated to-day, a statement has been issued on behalf of the authorities of Viswabharati, suggesting the creation of an endowment fund to be named after the poet.

The income from the fund will be utilized in promoting the study of Bengali literature and music, the building up in a permanent form of authentic records of the poet's musical compositions, the collection of original or photographic copies of the poet's manuscripts and rare editions to service as basic material for critical studies.

The Samsad (Governing Body) of the Viswabharati have already taken the first step in this direction by contributing Rs. 10,000 to the endowment fund.—A. P.

Sankara Jayanti Celebrations

Under the auspices of the Sree Sankara Mutt, Matunga (Bombay) Sree Sankara Jayanti utsav was celebrated for eight days from 27th April to 4th May 1941. His Holiness Sree Jagadguru Sree Sankaracharya of Govardhan Mutt, Puri presided over the proceedings. In addition to His Holiness' daily lectures in English on "Dynamic Hinduism" there were also other discourses delivered by distinguished lecturers in English, Gujerati, Marathi, Hindi and Tamil. On the last day of the function a Sree Mukham from His Holiness Sree Jagadguru Sree Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakotipeetam, Kumbakonam conferring the title of "Dharmadhikari" on Sree Subramania Sastrigal of Matunga in recognition of services rendered by him for the cause of dharma by the bringing into being of the Sree Sankara Mutt was read by Sree Chandrasekara Sastrigal, who had specially come from Kumbakonam for the purpose. Prizes were awarded to the successful competitors in chanting veda mantras and reciting geeta slokas. His Holiness in his concluding speech eulogised the good work the Sree Sankara Mutt is doing for the furtherance of Dharma.

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A CHURCHILLIAN SURVEY

Mr. Churchill's speech in winding up the debate in the House of Commons gives the impression that he deliberately dwelt upon the dark side of things and even pointedly emphasised it. It was good strategy, for it enhanced the value of the confidence which the House proclaimed with virtual unanimity in Mr. Churchill and his colleagues. Secondly, the vote in the context of the speech makes assurance doubly sure—for the benefit of all whom it may concern—that Britain in spite of past, present and "very likely" further "disappointments and disheartenments" is determined to fight on. The debate was, therefore, more than a personal triumph for Mr. Churchill or his Government. It was a guarantee that no reverses, no blows would weaken British resolve to wage the war to a decisive conclusion. As to the points made by Mr. Churchill, he explained in general language why no reference had been made to Spain, Vichy, Russia and Turkey. It is, however, clear from his language that he does not consider the situation in respect of Spain and Vichy as at all satisfactory. There are significant indications which do not at all rule out the possibility of the Nazis successfully roping both Vichy and Spain in. As to Russia the British Premier seems to have realised that his warnings only annoy that country. It is true that Russian security is threatened by Germany. But two other things are also true: First that the Russians too realise this fact and secondly that they feel that references to the German threat by outsiders, places them in an awkward position. In any case they do not welcome warnings from outside and what is more, these warnings are not going to affect their policy. But the disappointing thing about Mr. Churchill's observations in this connection is that it does not reveal any likelihood of Britain making more earnest efforts to come to an agreement with Russia irrespective of whether the latter is threatened by Germany or not.

Situation In Middle East

The most important part of the Premier's speech related naturally to the situation in the Middle East. It is undoubtedly serious—incidentally, Mr. Churchill has surprised not only the House of Commons but the world with the account of how the Germans were enabled to dash up to Sollum. But it is far from hopeless. He assured the House of British determination to hold Tobruk and Crete to the bitterest end. There is, therefore, reason to hope that the Nazis will have both hard nuts to crack. General Wavell, Mr. Churchill revealed, has 500,000 men under his command now. They are, of course, dispersed, over Malta, Tobruk, Crete, Cyprus, Palestine, Egypt and East Africa. But if the campaign in East Africa is liquidated soon and the weakness in armoured vehicles removed, the British can easily defend Egypt against the Axis forces in Libya. As to the German threat through the Balkans, much depends upon the attitude of Turkey and that attitude in its turn depends on the ability of Britain to help her and on the friendship of Russia. Iraq presents another difficulty, but if the revolt is handled, now that Rashid Ali appears to be in a comparatively chastened mood, by Britain in a statesmanlike manner this difficulty may be removed sooner than most people expect. In short the situation in the Middle East, although serious, is by no means hopeless.

Battle Of The Atlantic

The vital battle in this war will of course be fought over Britain and in the Atlantic. Mr. Churchill did not say much about it in the House of Commons. But that was perhaps because things are now developing swiftly in the U.S.A. and the Americans themselves are speaking more strongly on behalf of Britain than the British can. We need only instance Mr. Stimson's broadcast and Mr. Wendell Willkie's latest speech in New York. To these must be added the announcement of Colonel Knox that the U. S. Navy was "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring the delivery of war supplies to Britain. We are, we believe, not wrong in expecting by the next week a Presidential announcement that the U. S. navy will begin convoying war supplies to Britain. Thereby half the Battle of the Atlantic will be automatically won. As to the rest, given British determination and proved ability to withstand the Luftwaffe's fury and American ability to deliver the goods, we cannot see any but a favourable outcome of the vital Battle.

Vocational Education

With a view to relieving unemployment in the province the Bombay Government have sanctioned the conversion of some of their high schools into agricultural, technical or commercial high schools providing vocational education for boys who have no aptitude for higher literary studies, but have a bent for vocational education and are not able to proceed to the University after passing the Matriculation examination. The vocational schools are not expected to be entirely different from the present common schools. The courses of the first three standards of the high school will remain more or less as they are at present with such alterations as may be necessary to give the instruction in these standards a bias towards the vocation pursued in the upper classes. Even in the four higher standards the course of studies will include the Regional Language, English, Elementary Mathematics, Science and Geography, vocational instruction taking the place of Additional Language and History.

The proposed schools are thus midway between purely literary and technical schools. They may be appropriately called Vocational Bias Schools. They will have the benefits, though necessarily restricted, of technical as well as literary education. But their success will depend largely on the status assigned to them by employing agencies and higher educational bodies. Government realise this and have decided to institute a School Leaving Certificate Examination for those who have gone through the vocational course and to give certificates to those who pass the examination. Government have also declared that the holders of these certificates will be eligible for entrance into Government service in the same manner as the holders of the Matriculation Certificates, and will be given preference for appointments for which knowledge of and skill in the particular vocation is considered desirable. Finally, Government propose to make efforts to get these certificates recognised by the Universitiy as equivalent to the Matriculation Certificates in appropriate groups to subjects and to facilitate the admission of the certificate holders to colleges and other higher institutions, like the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute and the Engineering College (Diploma Course), which teach higher vocational courses. Recognition given by the University, more than any other thing, will determine the popularity of the proposed type of school. Almost every high school student aspires after higher education of some kind or other. An examination which is not recognised to any extent by any college providing higher instruction can command but very limited popularity.

Vocational Bias High Schools and more technical schools have been much in demand for several years past on the ground that our education, as it is, is too literary. But they will not necessarily help much to reduce unemployment. If the schools enable students to start small industries of their own, they will doubtless be a blessing But if they fit the students only for jobs in industrial or commercial concerns without enabling them to develop the concerns, there is no real relief of unemployment. That relief will be possible only if there are more concerns to engage more men, in other words, if there is industrial development. But industrial development depends at least as much upon Government as on businessmen and educationists.

Frankly Speaking

Darlan-Abetz Agreement

Thanks to Admiral Darlan Franco-German "collaboration" has made further and quite important progress. Says a Vichy report: "An agreement between Admiral Darlan and Herr Abetz is announced providing for a modification of the restrictions on the demarcation line between the occupied and the unoccupied zones of France and reduction of costs of the German Army of occupation", probably by 25 per cent. This report is not merely cryptic. It almost clearly indicates that something is being deliberately concealed. The two points that are mentioned constitute a gain for France. What is the other side of the balance sheet? What has Germany gained? The Nazis are not altruists: they are ruthless realists. They exact much more than they ever dream of giving to any "vanquished". What, therefore, has Admiral Darlan given away in return for these concessions, and it is the "concessions" yielded by Admiral Darlan that are important to know, for they must inevitably have a bearing upon war between Germany and Britain.

Pakistan Agitation

At a Press Conference at Lahore the Punjab Premier, who has never been enamoured of the Pakistan scheme in the extreme form given it by the Muslim League, has suggested that for the duration of the war those who were opposed to Pakistan should ignore it and those who were in its favour should not press it. The suggestion is doubtless well-meant but is perhaps too late. In the first place we do not think Mr. Jinnah will accept it. Secondly, if the anti-Pakistanists cease agitating, Messrs. Amery and Jinnah may say some time that, though the scheme has long been in the field, there is no opposition to it. So long as the scheme holds the field, it must be opposed. But whatever propaganda is deemed necessary for and against is best carried on in an educative manner through booklets and press articles. Anti-Pakistan propaganda can wholly cease only when the scheme is definitely withdrawn.

Shark Liver Oil

Smart young men are seen around town wearing Shark skin suits! It seems as if the shark is going to be appropriated as an indigenous fish, for the Industries Department of the Government of Bombay is reported to have discovered a simple method of extracting oil from the liver of the shark which will be a Swadeshi substitute for Cod Liver oil. So you can build your bodies up with Shark liver oil and clothe them later with Shark skin. The Shark's liver is said to contain vitamins "A" and "D" in great measure. His liver alone weighs up to 250 lbs and the oil extracted will be quite a bulk. Experts say that in quality and efficacy Shark liver oil is twice as efficacious as Cod liver oil. In other words a spoonful of Shark liver oil is equal to two of the old fashioned cod stuff. This country consumes lakhs of rupees of Cod liver oil. Now because of the war, supplies have been stopped and the result of efforts made to find a suitable substitute have resulted in this new find. Sharks are to be found all round the Konkan Coast—not figuratively speaking, of course. Government and industrialists would be well-advised to organize its production on a large scale while the war is still on. It will help to start a new industry and to relieve unemployment thereby for the people on the Western Coast.

Shops Act

The Shops Act is causing trouble in as much as two different interpretations of it have been given by different magistrates. The point of difference is the word "employer." Does it suggest that only such shops at which persons are employed must close at 9 p.m.? Or does it mean that all shops must in any case close at that hour? If the only person in a shop is the owner must he also close his shop at 9 p.m.? In the latest case the example was that of a panwala who employed no one but himself. It is apparent that either the High Court or Government will have to make some of these points clearer so as to leave nothing to doubt.

Poverty & Increase Of Population

(By MICHAEL D. LYONS)

It is certain that the population of India has increased during the last ten years at an unprecedented rate. Instead of giving the population as 352,000,000 we shall soon be writing 400,000,000. It might be only 395,000,000 or it might be 405,000,000. The exact figure will shortly be ascertained for the comparatively small expenditure of fifty lakhs of rupees. Then we will know exactly.

Quite a number of people are interested in the attention which the census will draw to the increase in the population. Political leaders are already preparing statements to fit the results of the census; Government servants are getting ready to pat themselves on the back for their share in bringing about circumstances favourable to an increase of population, and pseudo-doctors are probably already drafting petitions to municipal bodies for others to sign, asking for grants for birth control clinics.

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As a visitor I could not be blamed for dreaming about this vast accession to the population of India as I was walking through the Bombay streets the other day. As I was going along I saw a sign, Birth Control Clinic. I stepped in, but merely from curiosity, for I am not so ashamed of myself that I would seek means of preventing other human beings like myself from coming into existence. But I had a question to ask.

Inside I met an up-to-date doctor in the midst of several children and two old men. I blinked.

"I thought this was a birth control clinic, doctor," I began nervously.

"It is, but I have other work to do also. Sit down."

"Doctor, tell me, what method of birth control do you recommend? I thought all had their drawbacks."

"It depends," he replied cautiously, "on whether the client is educated or not."

"And if the client is educated, what do you advise?" I persisted.

He then described a method, watching me carefully all the time, feeling sure that I had the same disgusting sentiments he had about the subject.

"In spite of it all, doctor, how 'safe' is it?"

"Eighty-five per cent 'safe', I would say," he replied. "No method is really 'safe' you know."

"And no method is really 'satisfactory' either, I take it, doctor," I suggested.

"Quite right, we have not yet found a method which without shocking the nerves, really gives 'security. I am not satisfied with anything science has yet to offer," he added with an obvious sense of relief at telling out the real facts I admired his honesty and frankness.

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What, then, are we going to do about this problem of over-population?

First of all, does a problem really exist?

For the world at large there is a problem, that the coloured races by their sheer numbers may inherit the earth at a comparatively early date, displacing the white races. That particular problem, however, is for others to worry about, and is not so much our concern.

Statisticians point out that children now being born may see the day when England will have only 5,000,000 inhabitants if her birth rate continues as it is. The sheer preponderance of Indian babies may thus hasten the coming of the promised Dominion Status, since no tail has ever been able to wag its dog.

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Certainly we should not be worried about our abundance of lovable babies when the leading races of the modern world are unhappy just because they have not got babies. France started long ago to pay a family bounty, but not soon enough to prevent the collapse of France amid Petain's memorable lamentation, "Too few babies, too few arms, too few allies:" Duce and Fuhrer are wise enough to value babies, the latter even approving of help for unmarried mothers. They are proud of babies that can be taught to wear Black shirts and Brown. Increased production in babies is sought just as feverishly as increased production in arms and food and ersatz products. Babies too are wealth, they are credit and not debit.

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How is it, now, that India is so far ahead of schedule in producing babies, and so far behind in other things? The reply is simple. Contrary to widespread mistaken notions, our poverty of production in other things is the very cause of our greater production of babies.

There is a mysterious law of Life, implanted by the Author of nature, which makes everything tend first of all to the preservation of the species. When food is scarce, disease rampant and hardships abundant—when the individual finds it hard to survive,—a mysterious increase of fertility is the rule. Why? Nature feels that the race is liable to die out under the circumstances and so reacts in a most effective way.

Some of us have seen this law operate, for instance, among pigs and have learned that fertility decreases when our pigs are too well fed and not allowed to run about. The fat pig has not the same number of offspring as the lean pig that runs about in search of food and is continually hungry. Sociologists have scholarly observations to make on a variety of causes for this law in the case of human beings. They state that one cause is the lack of recreational facilities among the poor, they state this and that about particular causes,—but we are not interested here in particular reasons and details, but in the general law. This we know and we know the remedy in general also.

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The remedy for the high birth rate of India in the ultimate analysis lies in the removal of poverty,—this and nothing more or less. No one can take credit for the high birth-rate in India. It is simply nature's way of recognizing the disadvantages of an average expectation of life at birth of only a half of what it should be. If we increase the average ex-

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Cuttings And Comments From London

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, (By Mail).

In his Sunday broadcast Mr. Winston Churchill quoted from the seventh chapter of St. Matthew.

When Mr. Churchill mentioned Matthew a cold sweat broke on the brow of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He thought the Premier was going to quote from the fifth.

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Mr. Ogilvie, Director of the B. B. C., speaking at a luncheon in London, said:—

"British broadcasting was now also being used as an instrument of war, but its methods were the opposite of German methods at almost every point. German technique depended on lies, big lies especially, as Hitler said it should; while the British method depended on facts and was designed to help people to think—and to think freely."

Loud cheers from the Orpheus Choir!

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"A Bambay man died of heart failure yesterday soon after he had finished a three-day fast in front of a temple for the success of British arms."

From the Stop Press column of the "Manchester Guardian"

On reading this the Viceroy of India quoted Kipling: "Your'r a better man than I am, Gunga Din."

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Japanese students, forbidden to wear bright trousers and scarves, express "pain" at the instruction:

Hon. trousers have got to be dimmer,

Hon. Scarves must no longer show joy.

Hon. Light of Asia's a glimmer,

Hon. New Order makes Jap. a dull boy.

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The following comment upon Sir Walter Citrine's visit to the United States appeared in the "Daily Telegraph":—

"The tour has been a great success and has proved very popular with American Federation leaders. In particular it has had a reassuring effect on those who feared Britain was turning, or would turn into a Socialistic State, which would prove as difficult for a democratic country like the United States to get on with after the war as Russia or Germany."

So thank God Britain did not make the fatal blunder of sending Citrine to Moscow and Cripps to the United States.

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Speaking at a luncheon in Liverpool, Mr. Gibson Jarvie, director of the North Western Ports, said:—

"We want to get vicious. We want to get hard. It is no use talking about the lion lying down with the lamb; that is nonsense. We cannot lie down with the Germans after this war."

That is the after-lunch stuff to give them, sir. Wake up Winston Attlee and Co. and get vicious.

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"Silver paper and bibles are helping our war effort. In factories all over Britain Old Testaments are being turned into guncotton," announces the "Sunday Pictorial."

Why not a pulpit appeal to help on the good work?

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A "New Statesman and Nation" reviewer of a new edition of Joe Stalin's "Leninism" remarks:—

"The only light touch in this new edition of Soviet oratory is that its printer (Trotskyist devilry or Freudian slip?) gave the title of the 1938 speech as "Dialectical and Historical Imperialism" instead of "Materialism." The publishers hastened to put in an 'Erratum'."

A good job for that compositor he did not live in Russia!

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The following patriotic advice is given by a Kilmarnock correspondent in the "Daily Record":

INVASION TRICKS

Sir,—Your contributor, Mr. J. D. Leslie, writing of invasion, mentioned Germans coming disguised as ministers of religion.

I think the best way to stop this trick would be for our ministers of religion to discard their garb for the duration of the war. We could then spot the Germans who tried this trick.

ALL MUST ACT.

There is something to be said for this. If the Germans descended on Edinburgh when Scot ministers were gathered there for the General Assembly the Home Guard might make some frightful mistakes and a lot of fervent patriots might find themselves in internment camps.

HAVE IT IN MADRAS

Merchants' Plea About Automobile And Aircraft Factories

MADRAS, May 8.

The Madras Iron, Hardware and Machinery Merchants Association, has forwarded to the Commerce Member, Government of India, the Madras Government and other concerned authorities resolution passed by the Association regarding the automobile industry proposed to be started and the aircraft industry at Bangalore.

The resolutions inter alia request the authorities to take steps to establish the automobile industry in the Madras Presidency instead of Bangalore, taking advantage of the availability of cheap electrical energy in this province resulting from the various hydro-electric systems.

The Association suggests that Mettur or any place in Coimbatore district by its proximity to the source of electric power would be an ideal site for the industry.

The Association also urges the Government of Madras to take a share in the aircraft factory at Bangalore similar to the share taken by the Government of India of the Mysore Government as it feels such a step would ensure adequate drafting of Madrasis for training as technicians in the factory.—A. P.

"No Confidence" In Karachi D. L. B.

KARACHI, May 8.

Ten members of the Karachi District Local Board have given notice of a motion of no-confidence on Khan Bahadur G. A. Bole, President of the Board for his "illegal acts" at a meeting of the Board held on April 16, and has asked him to vacate the office of President.

The President has been asked to convene a special meeting of the Board immediately to consider the motion.—United Press.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The United States Navy was "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring the delivery of war supplies to Britain if and when such duty is assigned to it, stated Colonel Knox, Secretary of State for the Navy, speaking at a Press conference to-day.

—Washington Message

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By fighting for the freedom of Britain and Europe, India, according to the Madras Governor, would be fighting for herself and her own freedom.

Which, of course, immediately reminds us of Mr. Amery's last oratory. But don't let us dwell upon it since Mr. Amery and his speech are already in the distinguished hands of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Sir Chimanlal Setalwad.

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His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad has issued a Firman denouncing the communalist theories of Nawab Bahadur Yar Jang's organisation, the "Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen."

His Lofty Eminence the Qaid-e-Azam of the Muslim League should issue a counter-firman.

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".....the intemperate language and vituperation sometimes indulged in by the Muslim League leader (Mr. Jinnah) must dismay even his friends."

—Anglo-India.

What's wrong with you, brother? Or rather, right.

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Half of Mr. Churchill's speech in the Commons was devoted to answering Mr. Lloyd George.

But what *did* Mr. Lloyd George say?

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By the way Mr. Lloyd George presumably said a few words of indirect criticism of Turkey too.

The ex-Premier of Britan has not forgotten or forgiven the Turkey of the last war or of the Lausanne conference.

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To-day, General Wavell has 500,000 men under his command, announces Mr. Churchill.

Where on earth are they then?

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Germany has granted France 25 p.c. reduction in the cost of the German Army of occupation.

The question is: Where has she secured 75 per cent from France to balance the loss and gain?

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A plan, says a Washington message, to restore normal trades between French North Africa is under diplomatic discussion.

Is it possible that Marshal Petain is double-crossing the Admirable Darlan?

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Japanese diplomatic observers expect no change in Soviet foreign policy from Comrade Stalin's Premiership.

No change even re: China and the transit of war materials? How sad!

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After the service the preacher, an old-fashioned type, favoured the old lady with his views on eternal punishment. There was a great deal of fire and brimstone in it.

'I don't believe it', the old lady said impulsively. 'No human constitution could possibly stand it.'

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A film star was told that she knew nothing of love. 'I know all about it,' was the immediate reply. 'It was extremely fond of my third husband!'

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Nothing is easier to hear than the troubles of your neighbours.

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No man knows what it is to be a woman, and ought to be glad of it.

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A man with a grievance never misses an opportunity to mention it.

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After working the political boss for a job a man can afford to take it easy.

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The easiest road to wealth is to have a rich relative die and leave you a fortune.

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The bent of a man's mind doesn't necessarily prove that he is intellectually crooked.

'Luftwaffe' Pays Heavy Toll Over England

23 Bombers Shot Down On Wednesday: R.A.F. Raids Over Naziland: Battle Cruisers Bombed At Brest: Naval And Submarine Bases Attacked: St. Nazaire Ablaze

LONDON May 8.

Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed in daylight on Thursday. One British fighter is missing.

23 Shot Down On Wednesday

It has been announced that in addition to the 23 enemy raiders shot down last night, a number of others were so badly damaged that they failed to return to their bases.

KING VISITS NIGHT FIGHTERS STATIONS

During the whole of last night when R.A.F. night fighters were bringing down a record number of German bombers, King George was making a tour to night fighter stations in the West of England. Pilots, air crews and ground staffs were presented to His Majesty and among those to whom the King spoke were two pilots who had actually contributed to the night's destruction of 23 German bombers.

Relays Of Enemy Planes Raid England

Relays of planes coming in from all directions launched an apparently big scale attack on a north-west England town. Incendiaries were followed up by high explosives.

A terrific barrage met the raiders.

Enemy air activity over Britain last night was on a large scale, says an Air Ministry communique. Merseyside, north-western areas, Humber area, north-eastern towns and the Bristol Channel area were the chief objectives of the German attack.

Extensive damage was done, the communique adds, and reports upto the present suggest casualties will be heavy.

DOG FIGHTS

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed in daylight on Wednesday was brought to eight when R.A.F. fighters shot down a bomber on the north-east coast in the evening.

There was considerable enemy activity off the south-east coast to-day when in a series of dog-fights British fighters shot down six enemy fighters and severely damaged a number of others.

Two British fighters are missing.

Nazi Guns Shell Dover

Dover area was rocked on Wednesday night by a brief but vicious burst of shelling by German long-range guns mounted on the French coast. Two people were killed and twelve injured altogether.

The bombardment began in the bright light of the setting sun with salvoes at intervals of several minutes. Shell fire warning was sounded. Cinemas emptied and audiences ran for cover. One shell-burst overturned a car which caught fire.

Anti-aircraft guns fired one Messerschmitts spotting for German artillery and one Messerschmitt spiralled down out of control and is believed to have crashed in the mid-channel.

Goering Won't Relish It!

German self congratulation at the result of last night's air raids on Britain must be seasoned with some bitterness. Goering will not relish the official reports of the return of his depleted air armada which left at least 23 bombers wrecked in Britain. During the past seven nights, it has lost no fewer than 73 bombers and all members of their crews.

SEVERE DAMAGE

But messages from "Reuter's" staff reporters in all "blitzed" districts show that this fact is sustaining the bombed populations who are heard expressing grim satisfaction that the raiders also suffered. For damage to British towns was severe last night. Many families are bereaved.

Telephoning from a town in the Humber area, one "Reuter" reporter said this morning: "If the raid had been planned to wipe out the leading shops of the city, it could not have been more successful."

HOSPITAL AND CHURCHES BLASTED

He described how a hospital was blasted and churches—Presbyterian and Catholic—burned out. In North Eastern England, the Germans wasted several explosive bombs on a tiny moorland village beloved of holiday-makers. Although a picturesque house and church were damaged, not one of the villagers was killed.

INCENDIARIES SNUFFED OUT

A large town in this area had an opportunity of demonstrating the efficiency of its air raid precaution services when incendiaries rained down on the main streets. With three exceptions incendiaries were snuffed out before any damage was done and in the three cases mentioned the fires were brought under control so quickly that the damage was comparatively small.

From a west of England town "Reuter's" local reporter telephones that the hospital was very badly damaged. The damage was so severe that it is believed locally that several bombs hit the building—either an unusual coincidence or an example of Nazi lack of discrimination.

PEOPLE REFUSE TO BE TERRORISED

In a small town in the west country, the local hospital received a direct hit and three nurses and seven patients were killed. But all reports speak of the firm determination of the bombed populations to repay the debt with interest. People were heard saying to one another that if the R. A. F. maintains the present brilliant success the menace of night raiding may be greatly reduced. They are drawing the further conclusion that the enemy may be forced seriously to consider whether the cost of this form of warfare is worth its results against a people who refuse to be terrorised.

R. A. F. OVER NAZI-LAND

Oil Refineries, Docks And Naval Bases Attacked

Rolling billows of smoke which even travelled some miles out to sea obscured the countryside as R.A.F. raiders left the Saint Nazaire region after last night's successful attack on two large oil refineries and oil storage plants there.

According to the Air Ministry's News Service the first bombs found the targets and the following aircraft saw great fires suddenly appear while great chimneys of the refinery toppled over one by one.

In the raids on Bergen good visibility enabled the aircraft to make perfect runs over the target and carry out precision bombing.

R. A. F. BOMB BREST

Brest and other objectives in enemy occupied territory were attacked by the R.A.F. last night, it is learnesd in London.

Heavy armour-piercing bombs were dropped on "Scharnhorst" and "Geneisenau" during Wednesday night's raid. An Air Ministry 'communique' giving details of the attack says: "A heavy and particularly successful attack was made last night by a strong force of aircraft of the Bomber Command on the battle cruisers "Scharnhorst" and "Geneisenau" at Brest. Visibility was excellent. The warships were clearly seen and direct hits with heavy armour-piercing bombs were obtained on both of them.

Much damage was also done to the naval base itself.

Other aircraft of the same Command attacked the submarine base at Saint Nazaire, the docks of Bremen, and enemy shipping off the Dutch coast. Saint Nazaire was heavily bombed and large fires were started there.

Over Germany the weather was not favourable, but much damage was done to warehouses and other industrial buildings at Bremen.

Two aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing from these night operations. An aircraft of the Bomber Command is missing from daylight operations yesterday.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command carried out a very successful attack during the night on oil refineries at Donges on the Loire Estuary.

Eight enemy aircraft, six fighters and two bombers, were destroyed by Fighter Command aircraft in day light yesterday. One of our fighter is missing.—Reuter

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The Allahabad High Court closed on May 8 for the summer vacation and will reopen on July 21. The vacation judges will be Mr. Justice Allsop and Mr. Justice Hamilton.—A. P.

B. P. C. C.'S PEACE EFFORTS

Mahatma's Suggestions To Be Implicated

Attempts are being made by the local Congress authorities to form a "Peace Brigade" to do relief and rescue work in connection with local communal disturbances, on the lines suggested by Gandhiji in the course of his two recent Press statements.

It is understood that Mr. Dhirajlal Desai, President of the B.P.C.C., will meet informally Congress workers on Sunday to consider suggestions that may be placed before them and if possible to evolve a concrete plan.

It will be recalled that about 150 Congress volunteers did relief and rescue work during the recent disturbances in the city. It is expected that their experiences may enable the Congress authorities to assess and evaluate the work of the volunteers in certain given circumstances.

CITY MAINTAINS CALM

Public Warned Against Scare Mongering Rumours

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The public are warned not to give any credence to scare-mongering rumours which have been gaining currency since this afternoon.

Enquiries from the Police as well as a tour of the different localities reveal that there is no basis whatever for the scare.

During the noon the rumours became so widespread that shops were closed in some localities and business suspended.

"STABBING INNOCENT HINDU IS UNISLAMIC"

GAYA, May 7.

Congressmen, Hindu-Sabhaites and Muslim Leaguers spoke from the same platfom condemning communal riots, last night at a largely attended public meeting held in Whitty Park. Sir Khaje Muhammad Noor, a former Judge of the Patna High Court, presided.

"A Moslem, who stabs an innocent Hindu is sure to be punished by God with eternal perdition. It is un-Islamic. The Muslim League stands for harmony," declared Mr. Shah Muhammad Mustafa, President of the Gaya District Muslim League.—A. P.

EIGHT KILLED IN BHIWANI CLASH

LAHORE, May 8.

News has been received of a serious communal riot which occurred in Bhiwani in Hissar District yesterday and is reported to have resulted in loss of eight lives and injuries to 43 persons, says a Press Communique issued by the Punjab Government.

The trouble seems to have originated in communal ill-feeling in a school, where students made demonstrations on communal lines against masters belonging to different communities. These demonstrations led to a general outburst of violence.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police were soon on the spot and obtained police reserves from Rohtak and Kanal districts. A Curfew Oder was enforced at night. The night passed off without any incident. The situation is now well under control and further police reserves from Ambala are expected to reach Bhiwani. The Deputy Inspector General of Police has also arrived.

The Punjab Government is making arrangements to impose a strong force of punitive police on the town.—A. P.

Riot Reports Before Mahatma

COMILLA, May 7.

In acknowledging the two reports on the disturbances in Dacca Rajkumari Amrit Kaur has written to Mr. Kamini Kumar Dutt, M.L.C. from Sevagram:—

"Yours to Gandhiji of the 22nd and your second report on the disturbances in Dacca has come. A copy of the first report which you sent to the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has already come here. Babu Shyama Prasad Mukherjee has also sent his report and there have been others too who have written.

"Gandhiji desires me to tell you that he is full of musings about the terrible happenings in Dacca and elsewhere. But he has come to no conclusions yet.

"Your reports make lamentable reading from every point of view."—United Press.

"No Peace No Toddy" In Dacca

DACCA, May 8.

The situation in the city continues to remain quiet.

The Central Peace Committee, at its meeting yesterday, proposed that all toddy shops in the city should be closed till normal conditions are restored and it is understood that the authorities have accepted this proposal.

Another batch of 48 persons have been brought here under arrest from the riot affected villages in Narayanganj sub-division, bringing the total number of such arrests to 1,300.—A. P.

"M. D.'s" Rounds In Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, May 8.

Mr. Mahadev Desai visited today the riot affected areas in the city.

The city is calm except for a small fire which broke out in Gomatipur last night but it was quickly put out.—A. P.

HITLER'S SPEECH AND TURKEY'S COMPLACENCY

Stalin's Decision Implies No Change In Soviet Policy

ANKARA, May 8.

The first authoritative reaction to Hitler's speech and Stalin's assumption of Premiership has now become available.

The semi-official newspaper Ulus' welcomes Hitler's remarks about Turkish policy and, declares the fact that there is no contradiction between Turkish peace policy and the German war policy has doubtless had a comforting effect on those nations who have no political or military interest in the extension of war in his region.

As long as Germany remains determined not to provoke war against Turkey or create no complications for Turkey, it is certain that the two countries will remain at peace.

Turkey remains true to its policy of protecting its rights and this reiteration should show the Germans that Turkey will never agree to any of those small concessions which have eventually led to German domination of Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria, concludes the 'Ulus'

STALIN'S DECISION

Stalin's decision to become the Prime Minister is held here to imply no change in the Russian policy either internally or externally because the last word has always rested with Stalin. The mere fact that Stalin is at the head in name as well as in fact, however, should in itself result in a sharp improvement in efficiency in industry and transport, owing to the respect and awe in which he is held.—Reuter.

"UNFAIR & UNJUST TO NEWSPAPERS"

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A meeting of the owners of the Indian languages newspapers was held at 138 Medows Street, Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth, Managing Director of the States' People Ltd. presided.

The meeting discussed the various hardships that newspaper owners were facing, owing to the recent Government circular regarding the control of Newsprint.

The meeting unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

This meeting of the newspaper owners of Bombay Presidency, such as Bombay, Poona, Surat, Ahmedabad, Hubli, etc. resolve that the enforcement of Government of India Circular, governing the supply of Newsprint, is harsh, unfair and unjust to the newspapers and requests the Government of India that they should so amend it or enforce it in such a way that all the newspapers may be enabled to obtain the necessary supplies for their papers.

The meeting appoints a delegation consisting of the representatives of "Kesari", "Jam-e-Jamshed" "Janmabhoomi", to seek an interview with the Hon. the Commerce Member to place the newspaper owners' case before him and get redress of the difficulties created by the order of the Government of India circular.

(a) This meeting resolves to form itself into a Central Organization for the Indian languages newspapers of the Bombay Province under the name of the "Indian Languages Newspapers' Association."

(b) The meeting requests that newspapers present do enrol themselves as the members of this Association.

An appeal in the name of the Newspapers present was issued to the owners of the Indian Languages Press to become members of the Association.

That 138 Medows Street be the temporary office of the Association. The Chair is authorised to make necessary arrangements for the office.

Free French Arrests At Marseilles

LONDON, May 8.

According to Moscow radio reports from Vichy a hundred and thirty people have been arrested in Marseilles by an order of Admiral Darlan on the accusation of enlisting Frenchmen into General de Gaulle's Army.—Reuter.

Mexico-Nazi Relations

Suspension Sequel To No Appointment Of Minister At Berlin

MEXICO CITY, May 8.

Gen. Azcarate, former Mexican Minister in Berlin has been appointed "Technical Director of War, by the Mexican Defence Ministry.

The appointment is interpreted in some well-informed circles as indicating the suspension of Mexico's relations with Germany since no successor to Gen. Azcarate in Berlin has been named.—Reuter.

Soviet President Receives Vichy Envoy

VICHY, May 8.

The Soviet President, M. Kalinin, received in Moscow the new Vichy Ambassador. M. Gaston Bergney, who presented his credentials, according to a Moscow despatch.—Reuter.

ANGLO-IRAQ SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS

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trols the approaches to Istanbul and Smyrna.

Iran's Plea To Iraqis

Iran, another friend and ally of Iraq, feels the same way about it as is shown in a Teheran broadcast.

This said that Iran with 300,000 Iranian subjects in Iraq cannot remain indifferent to the agents in that country and the whole tone of the broadcast was to urge Iraqians to settle their differences with Britain.

The position of Rashid Ali thus becomes very difficult and this may explain the change of attitude of Iraqians in Turkey. The visit of Rashid Ali's Defence Minister, Sayed Naji Shawkat, has caused considerable speculation.

SIMLA COMMUNIQUE

Marked Improvement In Situation

SIMLA, May 8.

A 'communique' issued to-day regarding the Iraq situation says that there has been a slight but marked improvement in the situation in the past few days, particularly in Basra area.

Explicit orders have been issued to officers commanding the Imperial Units that any action forced on them in the interests of securing the fulfilment of the Treaty rights should avoid most particularly injury to civilians or civil property, and should be kept well clear of the holy places.

Syria's "No" To Germans

It is authoritatively learnt that there were until recently practically no Germans in Iraq, although quite a number of Italian businessmen and even the Italian Legation continued in that country. At present, there is little possibility of any formidable German help for Iraq since the means of communications are under British and French control, and the French authorities in Syria are reported to have assured the British authorities that they would not permit the landing of German troops in their ports.

The Imperial forces in Iraq are devoting their attention to keeping safe the communications and military installations, such as railways, docks and aerodromes, and once Rashid Ali's forces withdraw from threatening positions and turn friendly, no interference in Iraqi internal affairs would take place. The return of constitutional government would, of course, be facilitated.

IRAQ TROUBLE, ONLY A PASSING CLOUD

(Somewhere in Palestine), May 8.

"It is only a summer cloud which will soon disappear" declared Jamil Bey Madfai, the former Iraqi Prime Minister and friend of the late King Feisal commenting on the situation in an interview here.

Madfai who is held in general esteem throughout the Moslem world continued "Every Arab who is truly patriotic and loyal to his country knows the real object of the destructive movement which broke out in Iraq at a time when the country enjoyed the widest measure of liberty and independence.

There is no reason for this subversive movement except a desire to create disorder and disturbances in a peaceful country for the furtherance of foreign interests and along the lines adopted in countries which have lost their independence, were denied the blessing of their liberty and are now labouring in chains of slavery."—Reuter.

TURKISH PRESIDENT RETURNS TO ANKARA

LONDON, May 8.

President Ineunu returned to Ankara from a tour of the western provinces, says an Ankara dispatch quoted by the German news agency.—Reuter.

Secret Nazi Document Seized From Lofoten

LONDON, May 8.

Secret German documents seized during the British raid on the Norwegian Lofoten Islands on March 4 are published to-day as a Government White Paper.

An unusual feature of such publication is the strikingly worded foreword which declares: "The raid which stirred public imagination as an adventure daring in conception and faultless in execution had a wider importance than that of many military operations". "It proved," continues the foreword, "by setting the forces of liberation in direct contact with those of subject Europe, that the people of occupied territories are still spiritually with us in the fight."

NAZI C.-IN-C.'S ANXIETY

Whenever the temptation occurs to mistake the German controlled press and radio of occupied countries for the free voice of the peoples, it states: "The annexe of press control should be read and remembered." The most significant is the German Commander-in-Chief's anxiety that the whole odium of Nazi oppression should fall on the Gestapo and its Norwegian police underlings. On the other hand the principal agent in the setting up of Germany's New Order—the army—is to ingratiate itself with the population. If, however, the latter shows resistance the military must then strike "ruthlessly and with the severest measures."

NORWEGIAN OPPOSITION

Everywhere in the captured documents there is evidence of a frank recognition of the extent of active Norwegian opposition. The final document, signed by General von Falkenhorst himself, describes how the attitude of Norway has recently "stiffened against our endeavours". The first document from the German Military Commander in Norway received at Svolvaer on November 28, 1940, states that neither the Executive Council nor the other political groups are even desirous of assuming in a responsible way the Government of Norway; with the exception of the Nasjonal Samaling Party all other organisations and parties remain pro-English and consequently anti-German.

ONLY A PRETENCE

The Norwegians, it declares, have only made a pretence of falling in with the offers of control of domestic politics. The civilian forces available for supervision and control of the country are declared to be "not sufficient for the exercise of Government authority". The Commanding Officer of the military forces, therefore, promised to support and uphold political supervision of the Government with military forces "corresponding to civil administration."

SHIPPING POOL TO FIGHT BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

New Agreement To Ensure Continuity Of Employment And Longer Leave On Pay

LONDON, May 8.

LONDON.—The formation of a merchant naval shipping reserve pool is announced to-day by Mr. G. Leathers, Minister of Shipping and Transport and Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour.

The formation of a merchant naval shipping reserve Minister of Labour.

The pool will consist of all officers and men who on May 26 are serving on ships on agreements opened in Britain unless when those agreements end, they sign again for employment with the same Company.

All officers and men discharged from ships since April 28 automatically enter the pool.

The pool will be supplemented by all persons other than fishermen between the ages of 18 and 60 who served at sea since January 1936 and who since have obtained other occupations.

The Minister of Shipping, Mr. Leathers, said that it was necessary to take these measures by which seamen would no longer have freedom of choice of ship because there had been delays owing to officers and men not being immediately available for ships. He added that the scheme was the result of friendly discussion between representatives of Shipowners and Officers and Men's Societies with the Government departments concerned.

The new agreement would ensure continuity of employment, longer leave on pay and payment while awaiting appointment to a ship.

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour stated that the scheme applied to engineers and officers who had left the sea and found employment elsewhere as well as to seamen. He appealed to them to come back and fight the battle of the Atlantic.

ECONOMIC WARFARE

Secret Debate In Parliament After May 11

LONDON, May 8.

A secret debate on Economic warfare will be held at the second sitting of Parliament after May 11.—Reuter.

"Chronicle" Reporter Describes

WORLD'S STRANGEST FIRE FESTIVAL

IN

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MUSSOLINI'S EMPIRE—THAT WAS!

FILM STAR TALKS TO AUTHORS

YUGOSLAVIA WILL RISE AGAIN.

TO AN INDIAN BABY

N. G. Jog's War Review

Sunday, May 11.

World Famous Dancers At Excelsior

From a scene in 'Wings Over Africa, at Empire.

Hawaii Dances At Excelsior

World Famous Negro Minstrels

Started on their career twenty years ago by Donovan Andree, who has throughout remained their Impresario, the Red Tail Minstrels and South Sea Serenaders have an amazing record of triumphs and successes to their credit. They will give their performances during this week at Excelsior.

In regard to their ability to entertain all classes of people, it is sufficient to say that men and women of all communities, entitled by knowledge and experience to pass judgment, have acclaimed them "the best show ever" of its kind, combining as they do in their repertoire the enthralling, tuneful melodies Hawaii and the soulful, stirring, rousing cadences of the Negro plantations.

The fame of so well-spoken and celebrated a combination of musical talent naturally spread abroad, and invitations to the Minstrels to perform in places and countries so widely and so distantly situated as India and Burma, Singapore, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and even Australia have been numerous and pressing.

One particular achievement which the Minstrels take special pride in is their amazing and consistent contribution to charity. By means of performances in aid of deserving social causes as well as institutions, their donations during the period of their career have totalled nearly Rs. 30,000, of which over Rs. 8,000 represent their contribution to War Charities and Purposes connected with the present War. Nor is the tale of their "good deeds" in this respect as yet ended.

The combination of talent which made all this possible is, in point of fact, overshadowed and outclassed by the combination that is now in this city at Excelsior.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO.

On Sunday, May 11th, at 10 a.m. Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's fine picture of the times, "The Mortal Storm" will be shown in which James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan are starred.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL.

On Sunday morning at 10-30, "Honolulu" with Eleanor Powell will be screened at the Capitol Theatre.

"Sky Murder" At Metro

Walter Pidgeon In Chief Role

"Sky Murder" brings Walter Pidgeon to the screen in another of the popular Nick Carter mysteries, crammed with thrills, bewilderment and comedy. It is now showing at Metro.

Pidgeon, as Nick Carter, is assigned to run down a band of international criminals plotting against the Government. A man is murdered on a luxury airliner and a beautiful girl is suspected Pidgeon, aided by a pretty but eccentric "lady detective," and Bartholomew, equally eccentric apiarist of former Carter pictures, clears up the mystery and catches the ringleader between hilarious adventures in flirtation which land the susceptible sleuth into all manner of funny situations.

Third of the increasingly popular series, the picture introduces to American screen audiences a glamorous new personality in Karen Verne, blonde discovery from England.

Pidgeon is debonair and forceful. A new slant on feminine comedy is provided by Joyce Compton as the flighty but efficient feminine sleuth, and Meek, with a pocketful of bees and a Derby hat, provides many more laughs.

Edward Ashley, new leading man from British pictures, plays a Long Island socialite and is a romantic figure. Tom Conway, George Lessey, Dorothy Tree, Frank Reicher, Chill Wills, Tom Neal and William Tannen are other principals.

George Seitz, noted for the Judge Hardy Family series, directed the William R. Lipman story, and Charles Lawton contributed outstanding camera effects. The musical score by David Snell is effective.

Terenge Oochawaku in Sword Dance at Excelsior.

"FIGHTER PILOTS" AT SIX THEATRES IN BOMBAY

Six prominent Bombay theatres from Museum to Mahim, will show for a week from to-day an instructive topical on the activities of the Royal Air Force. It is a one-reeler, called "Fighter Pilots." Produced by the British Ministry of Information, it has been released here by the Film Advisory Board at Regal, New Empire, Capitol, Palace, Broadway and Paradise theatres.

"Fighter Pilots" epitomises the ceaseless defensive vigil and the constant aggressive activity of Britain's air arm against the Nazi war machine. It tells in graphic incidents, a tale of exemplary daring and heroic endurance of men pledged at all costs to defend democracy and their homeland.

"Tin Pan Alley" At Capitol

Revival Of Popular Great Musical

20th Century-Fox takes you down the street that gives the world its greatest songs in "Tin Pan Alley," which stars Alice Faye and Betty Grable and comes to the Capitol Cinema from Friday. This musical of our exciting times depicts in human, dramatic terms the colour, romance, heartbreak and glamour.

With Jack Oakie and John Payne heading a brilliant featured cast, "Tin Pan Alley" is cut from the same unusual musical and dramatic pattern as was "Alexander's Ragtime Band," produced by the same studio. It is built around a compelling love story between a rising music publisher and a singer of songs.

New York City's West 46th Street—"Tin Pan Alley"—was recreated down to the smallest detail at a tremendous cost and with painstaking accuracy, just as it was back in 1917 when most of the action occurs. Brownstone flats... famed musical firms of the period... struggling musicians in a world of hopes and dreams... song pluggers... illustrious actors ...colourful characters... all live again in "Tin Pan Alley."

"Tin Pan Alley" is loaded with surprises. Take for example, the pairing of Alice Faye and Betty Grable as a "sister" team. This is considered a master stroke of casting. When these blonde beauties engage in a torrid hula hula set to the music of "K-K-K-Katy" one of the highpoints is achieved in a film which has already won acclaim as a really great piece of solid entertainment.

Added to all these ingredients is a great cast of entertainment-makers, including Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston and Ben (Shadrach) Carter. The Nicholas Brothers, dusky dancing stars, who scored a sensational hit in "Down Argentine Way" were given a featured spot in "Tin Pan Alley" for their speciality.

'Escape' At Palace

"Escape", the Ethel Vance's best-seller which held thousands of readers enthralled by its suspense, comes to the Palace screen as one of the most gripping adventure stories of all time, its collective cast, headed by Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor, reaching the peak of their dramatic careers in masterful characterizations.

Miss Shearer has never done finer work than as the world-weary Countess von Treck, who finds herself involved in the attempt of ex-actress Emmy Ritter to escape a death sentence in a concentration camp. Robert Taylor, as Emmy's son, Mark Preysing, advances still further from the new stature he gained as an actor in "Waterloo Bridge" Nozimova, returning to the screen for the first time in fifteen years as Emmy Ritter, re-establishes herself as a name still to conjure with in Hollywood.

Colour Epic Of West At Pathe

With a cast of hundreds, topped by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, "Dodge City", Warner Bros. technicolour epic of the old West will be shown at Pathe on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. A lusty drama of the days when there was no law west of Chicago, it is crammed with thrilling action and colourful romance. Michael Curtis, famous for his action pictures, directed. Others in the cast besides Flynn and Miss de Havilland, include Ann Sheridan, Bruce Cabot, Alan Hale, Frank McHugh, John Litel, Henry Travers, Victor Jory and a host of supporting players and extras.

John Sutton in 'Hudson's Bay' at Regal.

'Hudson's Bay' Stays On

Paul Muni In Strange Role At Regal

Pierre Radisson, the fabulous man who saved a new world for the ruler who had ordered him hanged is brought to life on the screen brilliantly by Paul Muni in the 20th Century Fox Production "Hudson's Bay" which stays on at the Regal Theatre. Depicting the turbulent drama in the founding of an expansive colonial and commercial Empire, the dramatic and moving film stars Muni as a reckless adventurer—a role unlike any he has ever had.

When Lord Crewe, played by John Sutton, is exiled to Canada for his drunken pranks, he falls in with Muni and a fellow fur trapper, played by Huge Laird Cregar. Driven by a dream so big few men of his time could grasp it, Muni takes the two men with him into the frozen north where the foundation is laid for a great trading company.

Indian warfare, the drama of men battling the elements, all are depicted in scenes full of compelling realism. In the end final victory is won when Radisson saves half a continent for the ruler who had ordered him hanged.

Running through the story is a tender romance between Sutton, the exile who makes good in Canada and lovely Gene Tierney. Others seen in the featured cast include Virginia Field, Vincent Price and Nigel Bruce.

Spectacularly produced and expertly directed by Irving Pichel "Hudson's Bay" is fine, adventurous entertainment. Kenneth Macgowan was associate producer and Lamar Trotti wrote the original screen play.

Nick Carter, Joyce Compton and Walter Pidgeon in 'Sky Murder, at Metro.

Greta Garbo In 'Queen Christina' At Broadway

John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "Queen Christina" will be shown at Broadway, Dadar from to-morrow.

It presents Garbo as more beautiful and more alluring than even some of her recent performances possibly because the making of this picture was Garbo's dream for many years.

"Queen Christina" is the story of Sweden's glamorous regent of the seventeenth century who sacrificed her country and her throne for love and religious motives.

OOTACAMUND.—The Government of Madras have sanctioned the payment of half the cost of 300 additional rural radio sets all over the presidency to be installed during 1941/42 Government are prepared to meet for the duration of the war half the charge of maintaining all rural sets installed by the Provincial Broadcasting Department.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

For friends only, the following: A man walks into the Birth Registry Office and says: "Congrashlate me, gennulmen, I wanna register twins." The Record Clerk replied: "What do you mean, 'gentlemen'? I'm the only one here." The man says: "Just one? You sure of that?" Record Clerk: "Certainly, I'm sure." The man: "Well, hold ever'thing a few minutsh, then, while I go home and take another look at them twins."

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A correspondent from Peddar Road writes: "I've spilt red ink on our valuable Persian carpet. What do I do?" I'm not an information bureau, but if you're a married man (and I think you are) you merely listen.

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From the English classics obviously, but can anyone tell me who wrote these lines:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself had said,
"H'mmm not bad."

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Overheard at the Harbour Bar. Lady: "Waiter, has there been a gentleman here inquiring for a lady in brown? Waiter: "Yes, madame; he waited an hour and then went off with a lady in red."

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Comparison of how two papers looked at Mr. Churchill's speech and how they featured it. "The Bombay Chronicle" had a seven column spread:—

Churchill's 'No' To Lloyd George
No New War Cabinet
Commons Vote Confidence in Govt. Policy.
Premier's Candid Review of War Situation.
Britain will not give up Mediterranean.
But Rebuffs are Inevitable.
Plot in Iraq.

Then another 4 column spread:

"Let the tempest roar; let it rage but we shall come through."

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Anglo-India had a 3 column headline saying: "Tobruk and Crete to be held at all costs."

I call that conservative.

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General knowledge question: Which Poet Laureate wrote these lines:

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(Answers should be sent direct to the Chairman of Tatas, Bombay House, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, and not to the Half-column).

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YES, WHY?
ARE YOU LOANING IT TO ANYBODY?
NO, WHY?
WELL, SOME GUY IS JUST DRIVING OFF WITH IT!
?
FOOL!
DON'T WORRY MUTT - I GOT THE NUMBER OF THE CAR!

Sapru Committee's Challenge To Jinnah

ANGLO-MUSLIM COMBINE TO DIVIDE HINDUS?

No Chance Of Settlement With Him Except On Basis Of Disruption Of India

ALLAHABAD May 8.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOMBAY CONFERENCE HAS ISSUED A CATEGORICAL DENIAL TO JINNAH'S ALLEGATIONS. THEY TOTALLY REFUTE CHARGES OF CONGRESS INSPIRATION, MR. K. SRINIVASAN'S INTERVENTION AND RAJAJI'S HAND IN BOMBAY CONFERENCE. THE COMMITTEE CHALLENGES JINNAH TO PUBLISH THE SO-CALLED "AMPLE INFORMATION" ON WHICH HE HAS BASED HIS SOUND AND FURY.

The high spot in the rejoinder is the succinct analysis of political trends working for a Jinnah-Amery conspiracy to act as a brake in India's march to freedom.

The Committee asks all right-minded men to consider whether in view of Mr. Jinnah's latest pronouncement, any negotiation with him is possible except on the basis of destroying the unity of India. The Committee thinks that Mr. Jinnah is opposed to all constitutional progress, and attempts to form an Anglo-Muslim Alliance under the emotional stress of war in an endeavour to divide Hindus.

The following is the statement on behalf of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Conference in reply to Mr. Jinnah's statement:—

Mr. Jinnah's latest statement shows him in an angry mood, but is not without its compensations. In his rage, he has unwittingly given away his whole case. At the Muslim League meeting in Madras, Mr. Jinnah adopted the orthodox Delhi view towards the Bombay Conference and compared it to Dutch Army: All Generals and no soldiers. He had even the audacity to say that the Hindu Mahasabha had repudiated it, although he must have known that Dr. Shyama Prosad Mukerji, Acting President of the Mahasabha, was a member of the Standing Committee. His attitude came very handy to Mr. Amery, who said that he was not sure who the actual supporters of the Bombay resolution were.

JINNAH CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

The Conference had only claimed that it represented that large body of Indians who was behind the war effort: large land-owners like the Maharaja of Burdwan and the Maharaja of Parlakhemedi, distinguished businessmen like Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, leaders of parties like Mr. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. Aney, leader of the Congress Nationalist Party, Mr. Chandavarkar, President of the Liberal Federation, prominent members of the Indian Christian community like Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh, and of the Sikh community like Sir Jogendra Singh, Sardar Sant Singh and Sardar Balwant Singh, besides a number of other prominent men. It did not claim that it represented the Congress, the Hindu Sabha or any other political party. Now Mr. Jinnah, forgetting what he had said at Madras, asserts that the Conference had not only the support of the Hindu Mahasabha but also of the Congress. If that is so, and as he dare not deny, that it has the support of the Indian Christians and the Sikhs, then the bottom is knocked out of his former allegation that the Conference proposals had no general support in the country. The objection that the reconstructed centre would be in perpetual conflict with legislature also falls to the ground. Mr. Jinnah says that if the proposals of the Bombay Conference were accepted, every one else will come in except the Muslim League. Mr. Jinnah cannot have it both ways. Either the proposals have very large support in the country or they have not. When Mr. Jinnah makes his next statement he must make a final choice suitable to the occasion.

JINNAH IN TRUE COLOURS

Mr. Jinnah has now come out in his true colours. No scheme of Government will satisfy him even for the period of war, unless it is in furtherance of the disruption of India. And yet Mr. Amery asks the President of the Conference Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, to address his proposals not to the British Parliament but to Mr. Jinnah.

America fought a civil war to maintain its unity. The Indians must accept the principles of Balkanising their country before they can even be allowed to approach the Secretary of State for India with proposals for wielding or even sharing power with Indians at the centre for the more vigorous prosecution of the war.

The Committee would ask all right minded men to consider, whether in view of Mr. Jinnah's latest pronouncement, any negotiation with him is possible except on the basis of destroying the unity of the country.

QUESTIONS TO JINNAH

Will Mr. Jinnah explain a little more directly how the Conference proposals are likely to injure the Muslims? Is Mr. Jinnah opposed in his heart of hearts to the appointment of an Indian as Defence Member? If he is, he should so say publicly. Does he think that the demand for the appointment of an Indian as Finance Member is unreasonable? Is he in favour of an Executive Council composed of English civil servants and non-official Indians during the period of the war? Then why does he hesitate to make known his views? What is it exactly that he wants. What reconstruction of the Central Government will satisfy him? Why does he like Mr. Amery content himself merely with a negative attitude?

ANGLO-MUSLIM ALLIANCE?

And when he says that the Conference proposals are meant to torpedo the Muslim League's demand for Pakistan, are the Committee to interpret this political announcement as follows: the suspension of the constitution in seven provinces, in six of which the Hindus are in a majority, has deprived them of political power and influence. If by intransigence and threats the stalemate is prolonged till the end of the war, the chances of the Hindus ever will be greatly reduced. Meanwhile, efforts should continue to form Anglo-Muslim alliance under the emotional stress of the war and every endeavour should be made to divide the Hindus further by Mr. Jinnah speaking as the champion of the Scheduled Castes, of the Justice Party or of any other party that may be willing to come under Mr. Jinnah's wing. By this process of political arithmetic, Mr. Jinnah will not only represent hundred million Muslims, but sixty millions of scheduled caste and millions of non-Brahmins of Southern India, in fact the majority of the inhabitants of Hindustan. Contrariwise, should the Central Government be so reconstructed as to lessen the feeling of frustration among large sections of the Indian people and should Muslims and non-Muslims begin to work together to save their country from grave and impending dangers, from the east and west, then the process of a common endeavour may make people forget the poisonous doctrine that Hindus and Muslims can never unite. What will then happen to the cry of Pakistan and Mr. Jinnah's leadership? Therefore, it is political prudence to lay emphasis on things that divide, to ignore those that unite, so that there may be no political settlement in the country and Mr. Jinnah may continue to be the overlord of India.

They are more convinced than ever that the political future of India should not be allowed to be dependent on Mr. Jinnah's dictate.

At the Bombay Conference, the question of Pakistan was not discussed, but it would now be a dereliction of duty to the country if when the next conference meets early in July, the imperative need of preserving the unity of India is not prominently brought before the Indian people.

"PURE FICTION"

The Committee have left to the last a categorical reply to Mr. Jinnah's allegations as to the origin and objects of the Conference.

"No congressman was consulted as to the need for a conference or as to it's objects. The proposal to hold a conference was mooted at Calcutta in November 1939, when Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad discussed the matter with Sir N. N. Sarkar and one or two others. Sir Jagdish Prasad then saw Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru at Allahabad early in December and discussed the proposal with him. He saw a very distinguished member of the liberal party and a few others—liberals and non-liberals—in Bombay in January. They all agreed to the holding of the conference. A circular letter was issued early in February over Sir Jagdish Prasad's signature to a number of prominent men outside the Congress and the Muslim League, and as soon as sufficient number of acceptances had been received it was decided to hold the conference in Bombay during the Holi holidays to suit the convenience of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru. The organisers of the Conference had no idea at the time as to when the debate in Parliament would take place. The dates were fixed without any reference to it whatever. Mr. Srinivasan, the Editor of the "Hindu", had absolutely no hand either in originating the conference, in defining its scope in drafting the resolution which was passed. The allegations that Mr. Srinivasan prevailed on Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru to convene the conference at the instance of Mr Rajagopalachari is pure fiction.

LET HIM PUBLISH IT

Mr. Jinnah asserts that he has ample information on which to base his allegations. Let him publish it, so that the public may judge for itself of its value. The free use of vituperative adjectives may be useful in arguing a weak case in a court of law, but is wholly inappropriate in dealing with great public issues. But the people are by now fully aware of Mr. Jinnah's controversial technique, insolent threats hurled with the pose and in the manner of a dictator.

Is he sure that circumstances and exigencies of the international situation which have artificially inflated his stock will always remain to his advantage? Politicians like others have their vicissitudes. No one should know this better than Mr. Jinnah.—A. P.

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SIR CURRIMBHOY IBRAHIM'S DENIAL

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim writes to deny the report, published in a Vernacular paper of Bombay, that he had received a letter from Mr Jinnah saying that Mr. Amery's "No" to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has been a great success of the Muslim League and that if the demands of the League are not met with, then the Muslims should be well prepared.

Sir Currimbhoy says he has received no letter from Mr. Jinnan to that effect.

FOUR KHAKSARS ACQUITTED

But Life Sentence On Nineteen Confirmed

LAHORE, May 8.

The clash between Khaksars and the police in March last year resulting in the death of Mr. Beaty, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and two Constables and serious injuries to Mr. Gainsford, Senior Superintendent of Police, was recalled to-day at the Lahore High Court when Mr. Justice Daleepsingh and Mr. Justice Sale pronounced judgment in the appeal of nineteen Khaksars, who had been sentenced to transportation for life.

Their Lordships acquitted four of the accused on the ground that the prosecution had failed to prove their participation in the assault on the police. The sentences against the remaining fifteen were confirmed. Their Lordships have, however, recommended the case of one of them to the local Government for consideration.

Originally 149 Khaksars were placed on trial, out of whom 130 were acquitted by the Sessions Judge and the remaining nineteen sentenced to transportation for life.—A. P.

POVERTY & INCREASE OF POPULATION

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pectation of life at birth, Nature will be satisfied and send us fewer babies.

Feed the hungry, give labourers time to rest and to recreate themselves, and give the whole population more comforts and less hardships, and the birth-rate will decline by itself. The luxurious lands of the world have no problem of a high birth-rate, quite the contrary. If a remedy must be sought by us, let it be this remedy, the remedy of comfort and luxury. It has worked elsewhere, and a ten years' programme of this sort will be welcome beyond measure. The land is wealthy, it is only the people who are poor. The remedy for the high birth-rate lies to hand. It is a sweet remedy, a most sweet remedy, and one that requires no tampering with Nature's most sacred laws of life.

Sapru's Tribute To Tagore

KARACHI, May 7.

"Dr. Tagore is one of those who have raised the status of India in the cultural circles of the world, and I would like to join in wishing him still longer life," says Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a message on the occasion of the eighty-first birth-day of Poet Tagore to the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Club, Karachi.

The Club has telegraphed the following message to the Poet:

"Greetings good wishes and affectionate homage and also prayers for sustained strength".—United Press.

The town and port of Bassein have been declared infected with plague.

NADKARNI CUP

Y. M. C. A. AND B. E. S. T. DRAW

Rival Custodians Refuse To Be Beaten

In the second semi-final of the Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament the Y.M.C.A. and the B.E.S.T. failed to arrive at a decision. Neither side could score. The match will be replayed this evening.

Towards the close of the match there was an accidental collapse of a part of the East Stands. The stands were under construction, and notices were put up at several places asking the spectators not to make use of them. Still there were many people up. Suddenly a portion of it gave way and three or four persons were slightly injured. Only one man suffered from a fractured leg. This was unfortunate.

The match produced excellent football and there was a keen rivalry for supremacy between the contending parties. D. Alexander, the regular Y.M.C.A. pivot was unable to take the field owing to an injury. Gaffur, who deputised him acquitted himself very creditably. The forwards on both sides worked exceedingly hard to score the winning goal. But try as they would they could not beat the rival custodians. Both Oliveria and Paul, earned all the honours of the day.

RESULT

Y.M.C.A. .. Nil.
B.E.S.T. .. Nil.

TEAMS

Y.M.C.A. — Oliveira, Francis, Morlay; Ramnath, Gaffoor and Jayram; Q. Jesudian, Bhimarao Shakoor, M. Jesudian and Biswas.

B.E.S.T.—Paul; Rana and J. D'Souza; Eliasha, Telang and G. Rana; Michael, Shivram, Shantaram, Butchi and Fernandez.

REFEREE: C. S. A. Carswell.

TO-DAY'S REPLAY

5-45 p.m. Y.M.C.A. v. B.E.S.T.

FINAL

The final match will be played on Sunday.

Calcutta Football

MAHOMEDAN SPORTING BEAT BHOWANIPORE

CALCUTTA, May 8.

Mahommedan Sporting had to go all out to beat Bhowanipore by two goals to one on their own grounds. The defences of both sides were very prominent throughout.

The winners scored a goal in each half. Bhowanipore reduced the lead in the last few minutes of the match.

Kalighat played sparkling football to beat Dalhousie by five goals to one on the latter's ground. The winners scored two goals in the first half and added three more before Dalhousie reduced the lead.

After a goalless first half, the Rangers beat Calcutta by four goals to nil on the latter's ground. —A. P.

Challenge Sheild To Kusumba

The Government of Bombay has awarded the Sir Frederick Sykes Village Improvement Challenge Shield for the Central Division for 1940 to Kusumba, a village in the West Khandesh District with a population of 4,000.

Brothers' Club Hockey Tournament

LAHORE, May 8.

The semi-final stage of the Senior Section of the Brothers' Club Hockey tournament was reached this evening when the Varsity Old Boys defeated the Government College, Ludhiana, by one goal to nil in the last quarter-final.—A. P.

AMRELI.—The Prajamandal conference preparations are nearly complete. President Sutaria is arriving on 10th, Saturday morning. He will be taken in procession. The session begins at 5-30 p.m.

Arms Find In Village Raid

SARGODHA, May 8.

The Sargodha police are reported to have recovered eleven rifles, seven guns, five revolvers, eight pistols and a quantity of ammunition following a raid on a village in the jurisdiction of police station Sadar Sargodha.—A. P.

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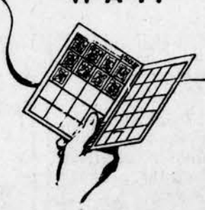

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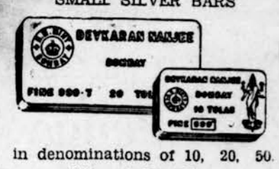
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U. S. NAVY NOW READIER THAN EVER

Prepared To Take Job Of Assuring Delivery Of Supplies To Britain

COL. KNOX COMMENDS WAR SECRETARY'S SPEECH

WASHINGTON, May 8.

The United States navy was "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring the delivery of war supplies to Britain if and when such duty is assigned to it, stated Colonel Knox, Secretary of State for the Navy, speaking at a press conference on Wednesday.

Colonel Knox also said that the United States navy was taking over the "sea-going activities" of the coastguards.

Commenting on Mr. Stimson's broadcast, Colonel Knox said, he thought it a "forthright courageous and a very enlightening talk animated by a high spirit of patriotism".

By an executive order President Roosevelt has subjected the transit of goods, through the United States, to export licence control system.

This action is interpreted as a further step in plugging leakage of supplies to Axis or pro-Axis nations and may to some extent restrict the movements of goods from south America to United States ports for transhipment to other countries including Japan.

Finance Corporation To Be Reconstructed

To remedy the forced liquidation of British assets in the United States, the House of Representatives Banking and Currency Committee approved of legislation authorising the reconstruction of Finance Corporation to make loans to Britain in return for the securities of British companies in the United States.

Move To Requisition Foreign Ships

The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defence.

The legislation would apply to 83 foreign ships including two German and 28 Italian. It will expire on June 30, 1942. The Maritime Commission will be given authority to purchase or charter foreign-owned ships. Meanwhile the reconditioning of the 28 Axis ships in custody continues apace.

More Money To Be Spent On Defence

"Compulsion of events" would increase the United States defence spending in the coming fiscal year to "at least 18,000 million dollars, probably 20,000 million", predicted Mr. Leon Henderson, Defence Price Administrator, before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

The Secretary of State for Agriculture, Mr. Wickard, announced the formation of a joint Anglo-American Committee to expedite the purchase and shipment of food to Britain under provisions of the Lease and Lend Act.

Mr. Wickard will be chairman of the Committee which will comprise of three members of the British food mission and three Americans.—Reuter

L. G. PLEADS FOR "REAL WAR COUNCIL"

Don't Exaggerate What You Are Getting From U. S.

LONDON, May 7.

The debate on the Vote of Confidence was resumed by Mr. Lloyd George with a spirited speech. He said that with the first part of the resolution (expressing confidence in the Government) everyone agreed but there were parts of the Government's War Administration on which there was dissatisfaction and disappointment.

Mr. Lloyd George asked why Mr. Eden whilst talking about the loyalty of Turkey witnneld the fact that Turkey had allowed German ships to pass through the Bosphorous into the Dardanelles to seize an island.

Appealing for more information Mr. Lloyd George said "we are not an infantile nadon to withahold unpleasant facts from. This nation has faced far too many crises and defeats in the past to be frightened by anything that has happened even up to the present".

Mr. Lloyd George thanked God for Mr. Stimson's speech which showed that the Americans had realised the gravity of the position but it was most important "not to exaggerate, what you are going to get or rather how quickly you are going to get it".

In the last war, America had put their fleet in the Atlantic while Japan has guaranteed the Pacific but to-day Americans had got to keep in mind that they were now the sole guardians of the Pacific.

If the Americans were going to enable us to catch up and then overtake Germany she had got to do infinitely more than any indication he had heard of up to the present. He urged the Prime Minister to reconsider the whole distribution of man-power and have a real War Council of three or four men who should have nothing to do but study problems and give the Prime Minister their mature advice.

NEW ZEALAND PREMIER FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, May 6.

Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, revealed in the House of Commons that Mr. Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, is expected to visit this country shortly. The House cheered when Mr. Attlee added that they hoped to have the benefit of Mr. Fraser's presence at meetings of the War Cabinet.—Reuter.

Only 8 Out Of 205 Ships Sunk

Nazi Attacks Fail To Hinder Flow Of U. S. Supplies To Britain

WASHINGTON, May 8.

"Only eight out of the 205 ships that left American ports with supplies for Britain were sunk in the first three months of this year," declared Senator Vendenberg before the Senate Committee. Mr. Vandenberg said the Chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission gave him these figures.—Reuter.

Willkie Wants Less Talk And More Action

NEW YORK, May 8.

Eighteen thousand people crowded the Madison Square gardens, with 4,000 more outside, to hear Mr. Wendell Willkie tonight declare "England will win if the United States sees to it that its ever-increasing production reaches the British isles"

He exclaimed, "We want those cargoes protected and immediately, with less talk and more action".

Mr. Willkie said America must ensure safe delivery of war materials to Britain by "convoying, patrolling, airplane accompaniment or what not".

He repudiated the statements that America was weak and unprepared.

"I know that the British Commonwealth and the United States can out-produce all the boasted ingenuity and capacity of Hitler and his factories.

Hitler has never met any people like us and he had best implore whatever pagan god he believes in that he may be spared the day. Never in the history of the world have people been as strong as the people of the United States."

The Mayor of New York Laguardia who presided over the meeting and had visited the White House earlier in the day said that President Roosevelt "although slightly indisposed, is right on top".—Reuter.

Batavia Radio On Stimson's Speech

LONDON, May 7.

"Even Mr Churchill could hardly have done better" declares the Batavia Radio commenting on Mr. Stimson's speech.

"In a manner worthy of a public prosecutor Mr. Stimson flung his accusations straight into the teeth of the man who is to blame for all the misery he has caused to mankind. The speech was at once a warning and a declaration of war".—Reuter.

Cost Of Army Of Occupation Reduced

Fresh Agreement Between Berlin & Vichy

VICHY, May 7.

An agreement has been reached between Admiral Darlan and the German authorities at Paris it is announced here to-night.

It provides that the demarcation line between the occupied and unoccupied France will be open in general for passage of goods and securities.

Persons will be allowed to travel between the two zones in the event of serious illness or death of a relative.

Free correspondence by plain postcards will be allowed.

Permission to cross the line will be granted to members of the army and the air force on the same conditions as are already in force for sailors.

The reduction in payments for the upkeep of the German army of occupation is agreed to in principle The reduction from 400 million to 300 million francs daily is envisaged.

Discussions on this question are continuing.—Reuter.

NAZI BAN ON SCANDINAVIAN SHIPPING

Swedish Commerce Dept. Head Criticises Action

STOCKHOLM, May 8.

"This does not constitute progress, but retrogression" said M. Haeggleof, head of the Commercial Department of the Swedish Foreign Office referring at Gothenburg to the German proposals that Scandinavian shipping would under the "New Order" be banned from certain trans-ocean routes.

The proposals provide for Hamburg to be the sole transit port for these routes.

M. Haeggleof agreed that German trade agreements had benefited Balkan agriculture and German industry but insisted that to include countries like Belgium and Holland in the continental bloc would arrest their further political and economic developments by cutting them off from contact with the world market and so far as Sweden was concerned westward trade and complete economic freedom was absolutely vital.—Reuter.

Sir Edward Fancourt Mitchell Dead

MELBOURNE, May 7.

The death has occurred of Sir Edward Fancourt Mitchell, father of the novelists Mary and Janet. He was a former bar leader in Voctiria, and King's counsel.—Reuter.

Koritzis Committed Suicide Because Of Anxiety

CAIRO, May 8.

It can now be revealed that Koritzis, the late Greek Prime Minister committed suicide on April 18

His action is stated to have been due to the strain of his responsibility and the anxious time through which his country was passing.—Reuter.

Taxes Shoot Up In Ireland

Budget Proposes Retrospective Tax On Profits

DUBLIN, May 7.

Introducing Eire's 40 million 626 thousand sterling budget, the Finance Minister. Mr. Okelly in the Dail on Wednesday said, he proposed to raise the income-tax from six and six pence to seven and six pence in the pound.

The gap in the revenue and expenditure was 7 million 765 thousand sterling and there is no chance of bridging it by normal means.

He announced a tax of 50 per cent on profits from first September 1939 and increased duty of five-and-six-pence per pound on tobacco and double duty on matches.

There will also be increased duty on imported newspapers and all internal newspapers would be taxed.

Other increases were on postage rates for letters and postcards and on petrol and cider, but there is no increase in beer and spirit duties and no purchase tax.

The sum for the supply services and the central fund to be met, he estimated at 40 million 620 thousand which is the highest in the history of the state.

When capital sums have been deducted the net expenditure was 39 million 448 thousand sterling.

Survivors Of Torpedoed Vessel Arrive At Monte Vidio

BUENOS AIRES, May 8.

Survivors of the Dutch vessel, "Princess Wilhelmina," which was torpedoed, have arrived at Monte-Video on a British ship.—Reuter.

Australia Supplies Shells To London

LONDON, May 6.

"The shells being fired over London these nights were made in Australia", declared Mr. Claude James, Agent-General for Tasmania, speaking here to-day. Australia he added was now making all the munitions she required and was supplying munitions also to New Zealand and India.—Reuter.

ITALY LOSES ARMY EXPERT

LONDON, May 7.

One of Italy's leading experts on army mechanisation and a Director General of Mechanisation has been killed, says Rome radio, adding that his place will be difficult to fill.

The use of ferrous and non-ferrous metals in construction of buildings and furniture are being prohibited in Italy, says the Rome radio Rome radio adds that orders already in process of execution may be completed, but no new orders may be undertaken without special permission.—Reuter

SPANISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR

MADRID, May 6.

Senor Valentine Galarza, has been appointed Minister of Interior, which office has been vacant since Senor Suner became the Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

"Commonwealth Needs Only Machines To Win The War"

Australian Premier Pays Tribute To Courage And Spirit Of British People

OTTAWA, May 8.

"We shall win the war. I do not say that in any easy optimism, but with supreme confidence", said Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, in a speech at the Canadian Club luncheon after his arrival from New York in a Canadian Royal Air Force bomber.

He added, we British have the will, the men and the spirit. All we need is for the world to give us machines. Our cause is the cause of the United States and of all civilised people. It is the cause of the common man.

The saddest thing ever seen was the people of Britain being led from blazing streets; the sight of their hurrying to work next morning was the happiest. These people are not going to ask for peace—they are going to fight for it.

The Earl of Athlone and Mr. Mackenzie King attended the luncheon.

Mr. Menzies later attended a meeting of the House of Commons.

The Australian Prime Minister on Tuesday had a big reception when addressing the Canadian House of Commons.

"As long as the Dominions stand Britain will not fall" he declared.

Describing the spirit and courage he had found in all parts of the free world especially in Britain, Mr. Menzies stated, "In moral fibre there is no inferiority in the British race. The Greek soil has been enriched by the blood of other free men from the far corners of the world who fought there for freedom."

Chiang's Gift To India

"Tripitaka" Edition Presented To Madras Institute

MADRAS, May 7.

On the recommendation of Prof. Tan Yun-Shan of the Viswabharati, Santiniketan, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, President of the Chinese Republic, has made a munificent gift of the Shanghai edition of the Chinese "Tripitaka" consisting of 8,416 facsimiles to the Sri Venkateswara Oriental Institute, Tirupathi, the famous pilgrim centre in South India, according to a report from Tirupathi in a local English Daily.

The report adds that the books have been transmitted to the Institute by the Professor this week.—A. P.

POLITICAL ON HUNGER-STRIKE LOSES 30 LBS.

(From Our Correspondent)

RATLAM, May 8.

The hunger-strike of Mr Chhunnukhan, a political prisoner of the Ratlam Political conspiracy case, is still going on

The jail authorities have not accepted the demands of Mr Chhunnukhan for reforming the jail rules in comparison to U P Jail Manual. Forcible feeding is continued. Mr. Chhunnukhan has lost it is alleged 30 lbs. in weight Before the hunger strike his weight was 144 lbs. and now it is only 114 lbs.

The trial is going on in jail, where Chhunnukhan is brought on a stretcher.

PRISONERS DEFENCE REJECTED

The Sessions Judge had refused to summon evidence from British India or outside the State. Government servants who are in Ratlam are not summoned by the court. The court has also refused to call some files from subordinate courts. There is no one to defend the accused. Barrister Masani had left the court For the last one year all the prisoners are under-trials and are not allowed any facility for their defence.

The political prisoners although still under-trials, are divided into two groups in the jail. Some prisoners are kept in the outside rooms while the others are kept inside the jail. Some prisoners are allowed some nominal facilities while the other prisoners who are kept inside are not allowed those facilities

Calcutta Football

CALCUTTA, May 8.

The following are results of matches played to-day in the first division of the Calcutta Football League:—

Md. Sporting two; Bhowanipur one.

Kalighat five; Dalhousie one.

Rangers four; Calcutta nil.—A. P.

Mr V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, informs the "United Press" that he has co-opted Sir J. Jwala Prasad Shrivastava, M.L.A., Cawnpore on the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.

Burma Cabinet Changes

Sequel To Dismissal Of Finance Minister

RANGOON, May 7.

A Gazette extraordinary issued this morning announces:—

"His Excellency the Governor has found it necessary to terminate the tenure of office of U Ba Thi, Minister of Finance, as a member of his Council of Ministers."

The dismissal, it is understood, arose from U Ba Thi's insistence on couching his letter of resignation, which the Premier demanded in terms not conforming to the formal practice.

U Ba Thi told the Associated Press that he had agreed to resign but would not withdraw from his letter the reasons which he wished to mention for his resignation.

U Ba Thi has been succeeded by Mr. Htoon Aung Gyaw, who recently joined the Cabinet as Minister of Agriculture, a newly created portfolio. This is Mr. Gyaw's third term as Finance Minister, he having served both in Ba Maw and U Pu Ministries.

The Premier U Saw takes back the Ministry of Agriculture into the forest portfolio which he is now holding.—A. P.

GIVE WAR RESOLUTIONS PRIORITY

Commissioner's Reminder To Allahabad Civic Chief

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, May 8.

Mr. W. C. Dibble, Commissioner, Allahabad Division, called upon Mr. R. N. Basu, Chairman, Municipal Board, to explain why he had not yet put up certain resolutions regarding war help to Britain before the meeting of the Board for discussion.

Two resolutions are pending before the Board for last 7 or 8 months. The first resolution, notice of which was given by Rai Saheb Shyamlal demands that the Board should contribute Rs. 15,000 to the war purposes fund. The second resolution by Mr. E. C. Bhattq suggests donation of Rs. 500 to Lord Mayor's Fund.

These resolutions were put on the agenda of the Board's meetings from time to time but they could not be discussed yet. The Commissioner reminded the Chairman that according to the rules adjourned business should be given priority over other business at the next meeting.

UNDER-TRIAL'S SUICIDE

One under-trial Brahmin prisoner committed suicide in district jail here because it is alleged he thought it was "infra dig" for him to sweep rooms or floor in jail. It is said jail warders insisted on his doing sweeping and the prisoner thinking life was no more worth living under these conditions went to a well and threw himself inside it and was killed.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

OR AS STRONG AS MAN MOUNTAIN DEAN

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

HIS MEN DEFEATED, KEENO HAS GONE FOR HIGH EXPLOSIVE TO DESTROY THE HUT.
CHARLIE HAS FOLLOWED, AND, AS HE AND KEENO STRUGGLE, FRANCINE ATTACKS FROM BEHIND...
SPLENDID, FRANCINE!
ONLY STUNNED! WELL, LEND A HAND AND WE'LL GIVE HIM TO THE SHARKS!
WILL YOU LET WHITE GIRL AND LOVER GO?
GIVE UP GINA? DON'T BE SILLY, FRANCINE!
OOOOOH!
HUMBLY THANK HONORABLE JAPANESE WHO PROVED JIUJITSU MAKES WEAK MAN LIKE GOLIATH!
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